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*It is better to live on alms in this world without slaying these noble elders, because even after killing them we shall after all enjoy only bloodstained pleasures in the form of wealth and sense-enjoyments.*

—(Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 5)

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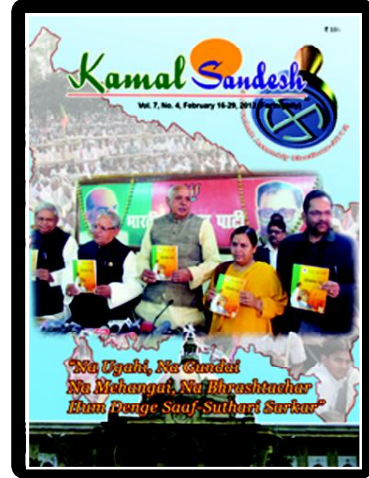
*Letter to the Editor*

**Congress has already crossed its limit**

Dear Editor,

The Congress has been systematically trying to subvert the structure of democracy. If the setting up of National Advisory Council as an extra-constitutional decision-making body led by Sonia Gandhi, parallel to the Government, was not enough, a Gandhi sycophant's assertion that heir apparent Rahul Gandhi would remote-control the Government in Uttar Pradesh in the event of the Congress doing well in the State indicates the party's dictatorial intent. Union Minister for Law and Justice Salman Khurshid and BP Verma's deliberate flouting of the Model Code of Conduct in Uttar Pradesh while campaigning is the latest example of such premeditated and sinister manoeuvring. The Congress leadership's failure to act against him amounts to its tacit approval of their lapse. But there is a limit to such madness. However, it looks like that its extremely calculated plan by the Congress and its first family to unleash mayhem along communal lines in a desperate bid to wrest back power in States where voters have since long have said goodbye to Congress.

Jay Krushna, Odisha



*“Relevance of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay and his ideas in present context”*

*Articles invited*

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

-Prabhat Jha, Editor

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## BJP determined to convert the opportunity into a great win

# Editorial...

**O**pportunities do not come every day in the life of a man or of an organization. Therefore, it is necessary that one should seize the opportune time whenever it comes and take advantage of it to promote the welfare of the society and the organization. For this everyone should involve oneself to achieve the objective of wellness for everyone, for all. At the moment BJP is possessed with that rare occasion and every BJP worker and leader should leave no stone unturned to mould this right moment into a tool to realize the public weal. The people are looking up to BJP for bringing in change in the government for the betterment of all. The political and electoral tide too is turning in BJP's favour. The situation in the country too demands that BJP should come forward to take care of the country. It is now for BJP to decide its course of action to come up to the people's expectations.

BJP has the wherewithals and the capacity to work wonders. In whichever State it has its governments, it has established newer and newer milestones of development and achievement which are a model for others to emulate. It has opened up new bridges of understanding with the masses to mould its programmes and policies as per their wishes.

BJP ruled States have established new norms and records of development and progress. They have instilled a new faith and confidence in the minds of the people that BJP knows how best to run a government. Realisation of the objective of Antyodaya is gradually and steadily becoming a reality. There can be no other safe and sure guarantee of social security which knows no caste or creed.

In BJP ruled States works of unprecedented development are taking shape at every level. Much is being done towards raising the living standards of the people and re-establishing values of life. The concept of taking along the whole society on the road to faster development is taking shape in these States.

In BJP-ruled States the farmers are being extended agricultural loans at an interest rate of one percent. A bonus of Rs. 100 is being extended on purchase of every quintal of wheat. Many other effective steps are being taken to make farming a profitable profession. All this has brought back smile on the face of the farmers. The highlight of all these is that all the development plans are being launched rising above the narrow considerations of caste, creed and reservation. All this is a talk of every town and village. Governments were there all along in these States. Congress ruled for a very long time but never was the public exchequer generously thrown

open to buy happiness and prosperity of the aam aadmi. Today BJP is sparing no pain in expending every penny of people's hard earned money to generate wealth of smile on aam aadmi's face. They are not allowing the shortage of funds to stand in the way of realization of the goal of providing the people with better education, health, more employment for youth, empower women and greater security of life and property to people. BJP governments are generous in providing cycles to school-going girls and boys, education of girl child, her marriage, and extending other social and financial benefits to common man.

BJP governments are far ahead of their counterparts in other States in enacting strong and effective laws to fight the menace of corruption. They are moving ahead fast towards achieving the goal of providing corruption-free administration. The curses of hunger and want are being removed. Providing roti, kapda and makan is the first priority of BJP governments. They are working day-in and day-out to give the people a life of health, happiness and prosperity. BJP karyakartas too have got the golden

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opportunity to spend all their time and energy in being one with the masses to understand people's hopes and aspirations and act as a bridge between the people and the government to help them to work towards achieving that goal. BJP is on the threshold of repeating its governments in various States going to the polls shortly. The key to success lies in BJP governments being closest to the heart of the common man. They always keep their fingers on his pulse. BJP ruled Gujarat and Chhattisgarh are the two States which are providing 24-hour electricity to their people. So are Himachal and Uttarakhand. MP Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has also expressed his determination to extend the facility of 24-hour power to his people by January 1, 2013. To fulfil this promise he is moving ahead fast in right earnest.

The BJP is keeping a watchful eye on the performance of its governments and monitoring it periodically. But the pity is that motivated by narrow political considerations the Congress-led UPA government at the Centre is not extending support and assistance to BJP-ruled States. On the contrary, it is creating

hurdles in BJP governments coming up to the people's aspirations. This UPA conduct is against the spirit of federalism and of the Constitution. The people of these States also fully understand how the UPA is giving step-motherly treatment to governments they have elected. In spite of all this, the BJP governments have not allowed the people to suffer because of the anti-people attitude of UPA government. People have now come to realize that the time has come when there should be a BJP led government at the Centre and in the rest of the country where there are non-BJP governments. That alone, they understand, is the only key to change the fate and face of the country for the better. The people have had a glimpse of such a bright scenario during the NDA regime under Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. It is time for us all BJP karyakartas to avail themselves of this great opportunity to valiantly face the challenges before the party and the nation by strengthening the organization and giving it all-out support. By doing so we will certainly be able to play our illustrious role and duty to realize the goal of a golden future for the country. ■

# BJP campaign in UP gets momentum

**Receives wide public support  
Rallies far and wide in the State**

From Our Correspondent



**(Phulpur), Allahabad  
BJP victory in UP polls will upset its  
opponents' calculations : Gadkari**

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has predicted that BJP would emerge victorious in UP elections and upset its opponents' calculations. The elected BJP legislators would elect the next chief minister among themselves, he added.

Addressing a massive rally in Phulpur, he said, "BJP as on today has not named anyone as the chief ministerial candidate during the ongoing Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh and would like to extend the freedom of choice about the future head of State to

newly elected MLAs..." said Shri Gadkari.

Terming Congress leader Salman Khurshid's remarks on minorities sub-quota as an 'election stunt', BJP president demanded his 'dismissal' from the Union Cabinet. "The Law Minister's talk of greater sub-quota for Muslims is just an election stunt. But the disregard he has shown to the Election Commission's warnings is a cause for concern and requires strong action," he said.

He said Khurshid's speech violating the model code of conduct and his defiance of the EC's objections to the same may set a bad precedent. "The Prime Minister should take action and expel him from the Union Cabinet".

Criticizing the proposed increase in sub-quota for Muslims “which cannot be possible unless the quota for the SCs/STs and the OBCs is cut into”, Shri Gadkari asserted “if the BJP comes to power, there will be no meddling with the existing reservation system”.

He criticized the ruling BSP in the State for corruption and lambasted the Samajwadi Party for pursuing politics of appeasement and said “the people are fed up with the drama and there appears to be a strong wave in favour of the BJP”.

### Kanpur

#### UP was pushed backward under BSP rule : Advani

BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri LK Advani said that while other BIMARU states had shown improvement, Uttar Pradesh has moved backward during the last five years of BSP rule.

“Earlier Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh used to come in the category of ‘sick’ states. Bihar and MP have come out of this due to BJP governments. We had taken Rajasthan out as well. “But, since the last five years, Uttar Pradesh has once again taken steps towards being a sick state,” he said at an election rally in Kanpur.

The BJP wants to bring good governance and



make the state “Uttam Pradesh,” which can only be possible through the voters’ support, he said.

Shri Advani said that he had not seen such good governance between 1952 till 2009 as was witnessed under former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee’s government and the effect of the progress made in the IT sector at that time “can be seen till today.” “But what is unfortunate is that in spite of the biggest centre of technical education IIT-Kanpur, there has

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been no development in the city nor have industries been set up.

Employment opportunities have not been provided and this is why after studying from the institution, students seek Bangalore, Delhi and other states for jobs.”

On black money, he said that many small countries have ordered back illegal monies stashed in banks in Switzerland. “Can the Indian government not call back their black money?” The aim of the BJP was to make the 21st century an Indian century in terms of progress, he said.

### Jhansi

#### BJP moving ahead with Ram Rajya concept : Advani

Raising the party’s core issue of construction of a Ram temple, BJP parliamentary Party Chairman Shri L K Advani said the party was moving ahead with the concept of establishing a ‘Ram Rajya’ along with the temple at Ayodhya.”The objective is to construct a temple, besides also to establish an ideal state conceptualized in the name of Lord Ram,” Shri Advani said while addressing a massive election rally in Jhansi.

He said that it was the wish of all the countrymen that a grand Ram temple is constructed at Ayodhya.

Recalling his Ayodhya rath yatra in 1990s, he said that he could never forget it as it taught him the importance of yatras. “At that time I was not allowed to reach Ayodhya and was got arrested by the then Bihar Chief Minister in Samastipur, but situation has changed with the time,” he said.

He said that at that time one CM stopped his yatra and last year another CM of the same State flagged off his yatra against price rise, corruption and black money.

Shri Advani said that a three-judges bench of Allahabad High Court gave unanimous verdict that the place where idols were kept was considered to be the Ram Janmasthan by Hindu community of the country. “I cannot say anything more as an appeal has been made in the apex court and it is yet to give its decision,” he said.

Attacking the Congress led UPA government, Shri Advani said that it had never happened in the history of the country that such a large number of ministers were removed and jailed.

**Lucknow**

### **Congress-led UPA govt. is most corrupt : Advani**

BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri L K Advani criticizing the Congress-led UPA government said it is the “most corrupt government” since Independence. “Corruption and black money are the biggest cause behind the price rise. The day corruption will be rooted out and Rs 25 lakh crore black money deposited in foreign banks comes back in the country, nobody can stop Ram Rajya,” Shri Advani said while addressing an election meeting in Lucknow.

“Since 1952 when the first polls were held, I have witnessed all the 15 general elections. I have also seen all the governments from Pandit Nehru upto Manmohan Singh, but such a corrupt government was never there,” he claimed. Shri Advani alleged that this was the first government whose “number of ministers had to go to jail on corruption charges and many more are in the line”.

He also prayed for long life of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who was the MP from Lucknow from 1991 to 2009. He appealed people to vote in large numbers to ensure victory of BJP candidates in the Uttar Pradesh elections.

At the same rally, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan took potshots at Rahul Gandhi, saying “he (Rahul) claims of lifting UP in five years, but he should first lift Delhi.”

### **BJP alone can turn Uttar Pradesh into Uttam Pradesh : Gadkari**

Addressing the gathering BJP national president Shri Nitin Gadkari in Lucknow said that Congress, Samajwadi Party and BSP were responsible for the price rise and corruption. Referring to Congress general



secretary Rahul Gandhi tearing up a poll manifesto, Shri Gadkari said that it was an “evidence of political

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immaturity”.

Accusing Samajwadi Party and BSP of supporting UPA on 2G spectrum case, the BJP president alleged that “they were together at the Centre and indulging in shadow boxing in Uttar Pradesh”.

Shri Gadkari also accused Congress party of following a policy of appeasement of Muslim community, saying that “its leader says that after watching the pictures of Batla House, party president Sonia Gandhi had tears in her eyes”. Putting Congress and SP in the dock on the Muslim reservation issue, he said that while one party was talking about 9 per cent quota, another was promising 18 per cent. The two parties must tell that from whose quota, whether of Dalits or OBCs, this quota would be carved out as more than 50 per cent is not possible without a constitutional amendment, he said.

Recounting the achievements of BJP-ruled Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh and Nitish Kumar-led NDA government in Bihar, Shri Gadkari said that “the vision and ability to turn Uttar Pradesh into a Uttam Pradesh is with BJP alone”.

### **Ram temple is an issue of faith, says Sushma Swaraj**



Reacting to the Election Commission’s notice to Bharatiya Janata Party for mentioning Ram temple in the poll manifesto, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj said that the issue related to faith that never changes in life.

She also asserted that all poll surveys and opinion polls would fall flat as the BJP would emerge as the largest party when the results were announced. Addressing a press conference at BJP state headquarters in Lucknow, Smt. Swaraj said the BJP was contesting the election on issues like corruption, price rise and black money while the Congress was dramatising it and acting as an irresponsible party.

She said the dramatics of Congress leaders could give them front page coverage in newspapers but not votes. “It appears that the Congress campaigning is being run by some Bollywood company which directs them to do things that would bring first page coverage,

be it pinching of cheeks or tearing the manifesto of other parties,” she said.

In reply to a question, Smt. Swaraj said the apology tendered by Law Minister Salman Khurshid for his spat with the Election Commission was not enough and action should be taken against him. She said the Congress was repeatedly targeting constitutional institutions and had the Prime Minister acted against Khursid, Union Steel Minister Beni Prasad Verma would not have dared to undermine the authority of the Election Commission.

### **Underhand understanding between Congress & Samajwadi Party in UP : Dr. Joshi**

Addressing a press conference at the State BJP headquarters in Lucknow after a series of election rallies former BJP National President Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi said that there was a hidden understanding between Congress and Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh which has been exposed by Mulayam Singh Yadav accidentally.



He said this exposure of Mulayam Singh Yadav has also admitted that the BJP was heading to a situation to form the government” he claimed.

He said that BSP and SP were already extending their support to the Congress-led UPA and had saved it in the past on nuclear deal, voting in Lok Sabha on price rise and siding with the Congress on the PAC and 2G issue. He alleged that when role of PM office and then Finance Minister P Chidambaram started getting exposed in the PAC report, both the parties created hurdles.

Referring to Rahul Gandhi tearing a piece of paper while terming it to be a list of promises of opposition parties, Dr. Joshi said that it indicated that the Congress does not want to contest polls on policies and ideologies because manifesto is foundation of election and it

should be debated

Targeting the PM, Dr. Joshi alleged that he admits of malnutrition among 42 per cent children in the country but was silent on a strategy or solution to check it.

Replying a query that Israel was demanding India to snap ties with Iran the BJP leader said that foreign policy was not decided on suggestion or pressure of other countries. The policy is decided while keeping national interests in mind and Israel’s demand should be seen in the same light” he said.

### **Banda, Hamirpur & Lucknow West**

### **Why Congress failed to change UP's face during its 40 years' rule, asks Rajnath**

Former BJP national president Shri Rajnath Singh said that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was trying to befool people by promising that he would change the fate of Uttar Pradesh. He asked the Congress general secretary to tell the people why the Congress had failed to change the face of UP during its more than 40 years’ rule in the state.

Addressing massive rallies in Banda, Hamirpur and the Lucknow West constituency in Uttar Pradesh Shri Rajnath Singh held the Congress mainly responsible for the price rise and corruption. “What Rahul Gandhi is saying is far from true as industries in



Bhadohi, Aligarh, Kanpur and Firozabad are on the verge of closure because of the faulty policies of the Congress. It is surprising that the party responsible for the present state of industry is claiming to bring industrialization in the state,” he said.

The former BJP national president also asked Rahul Gandhi why he was silent on the issue of price rise and corruption in the Congress-led United Progressive



Alliance government.

Shri Singh also said both the Samajwadi Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party were also to be blamed for rising prices and rampant corruption as they were supporting the UPA government. "When the issue came up in Parliament, both the SP and the BSP overtly or covertly supported the Congress," he said.

Shri Rajnath Singh said that Mulayam Singh Yadav and Mayawati were supporting Congress because both were afraid of going to jail as they were facing disproportionate assets cases. "Both have no alternative but to support the Congress for this reason," he said.

Shri Singh assured the people that if voted to power, the BJP would enforce citizen's charter to ensure that routine works were done within a reasonable time frame.

### BJP manifesto not just poll promises : Raman Singh

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh said the Bharatiya Janata Party's election manifesto was not just poll promises but a description of its performances in other State. He also promised that if the BJP was voted to power in Uttar Pradesh, its government would set up special courts for speedy trials of cases related to atrocities against women.



Addressing a series of election rallies in Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Raman Singh said that statues worth thousands of crores of rupees could not remove the poverty of poor. "If the BJP comes to power in Uttar Pradesh, its government would purchase the entire produce of farmers on the pattern of Chhattisgarh," he said, adding that the BJP had changed the lot of poor and Dalit in all the states ruled by it. The Chhattisgarh Chief Minister said, "I am confident that UP would witness a change and the BJP would form the government".

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### BJP moving closer to getting majority : Shahi

Claiming that the party was moving closer to getting majority in the State Assembly, the Bharatiya Janata Party asked Congress president Sonia Gandhi and its general secretary Rahul Gandhi to tell the people what steps they had taken to stop Chief Minister Mayawati from looting the state exchequer during the last five years.

Addressing a press conference at party headquarters in Lucknow, BJP state president Surya Pratap Shahi said that both Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul had behaved like Dhritrashtra by refusing to see the corruption of Mayawati regime during the last five years. "As the United Progressive Alliance government at the Centre needed the support of Bahujan Samaj Party for survival, it overlooked the misdeeds of Mayawati but now, in an attempt to fool the people, both the parties were attacking each other. This drama cannot go on any further," Shahi said.

The BJP state president said that the increase in voting percentage indicated a ouster of the BSP government. Referring to the party's manifesto, Shri Shahi said it was not just election promises but the BJP's pledge to provide good governance. On this occasion, Shri Shahi released a booklet on the alleged corruption in the Mayawati regime during in last five years. The BJP State president was also critical of the Samajwadi Party. He said the SP, the BSP and the Congress were alike and none of them could bring any qualitative change in the State. "Change for good can only be ensured by a BJP government," he said.

In reply to a question, Shri Shahi said that Congress general secretary Digvijay Singh was once a volunteer of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh though now he was criticizing it. Replying to another question, the BJP State president said that Congress was responsible for the partition of India and now it was again playing the same politics by providing reservations to Muslims. He demanded ouster of Union Law Minister Salman Khurshid for his defiance of the Election Commission.

BJP State president Shri Surya Pratap Shahi also welcomed the verdict of the people in the Bombay Municipal Corporation election and said it was the beginning of the demolition of the Congress fortress.

"The misdeeds of the Congress-Nationalist Congress Party alliance have been punished by the Mumbai electorate and people will similarly punish the BSP-SP-Congress combine in the ongoing Assembly election in the state," he said.

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## BJP will give a surprise in UP polls : Arun Jaitley

*In the four-cornered fight in Uttar Pradesh, the Bhartiya Janata Party is hoping to gain a sizeable number of seats. Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley spoke about party's prospects in the 2012 Assembly polls, in an exclusive interview to Zeenews. Here are the excerpts.*



**In the 2012 UP polls, it looks like it is a fight between the Congress, BSP and SP. Where does the BJP stand?**

I have been observing the trend in the UP elections and the strong presence of Congress that you are saying is just created by the media. Undoubtedly, Bahujan Samaj Party and Sawajwadi Party have a strong hold in UP but the Congress is nowhere in the scene. They are in a poor fourth position. BJP's strength is growing stronger.

**BSP has Mayawati, Congress has Rahul Gandhi and SP has Mulayam and Akhilesh Yadav as their party's face for the UP polls. Is the BJP missing their face?**

The UP election is in the strong hands of leaders like Uma Bharti, Rajnath Singh, Kalraj Mishra, Surya Pratap Sahi and Om Prakash Mishra. These veteran leaders are very influential in the state. Uma Bharti is from Bundelkhand. Despite her disinterest to fight from UP, the party felt that she is the right person for spearheading BJP in the UP polls. Her campaigning is going fine so far.

**We saw you campaigning in the UP polls but where are your other counterparts like Sushma Swaraj and Narendra Modi. They are nowhere to be seen in the battlefield?**

Let me clarify first about Sushma Swaraj. She has been travelling all over UP. Yes, she was not able to visit the state before the campaigning started as she was down with viral fever and had to skip it.

And as far as Narendra Modi is concerned,

elections are happening in Gujarat this year and he is quiet busy with that. There was the Sadbhawana movement which also kept him away from campaigning in UP. We want him to come and campaign provided he gets time from his busy schedule.

**There has been lot in the news about Narendra Modi in the recent past like his differences with party chief Nitin Gadkari and the recent judgment on Gujarat. Are these issues affecting BJP's image?**

If we make an issue out of a non-issue then we can say it will affect the party's image. Almost every state government has some judgment against them but when it involves Gujarat it becomes big. People who suffered damages during the riots were compensated. I think the issue is whether the government should fund religious places or should the society work on it? According to my observation of the country's law, government should not fund for the development of religious places. But now since the court has ordered the Gujarat government to fund, the government has to accept it.

**There is a palpable discomfort amongst the central leadership with Narendra Modi and your ally Nitish Kumar is also unhappy with him. What do you have to say on this?**

You may agree with a person or disagree. What happened in Gujarat is unfortunate and we condemn it.

The Gujarat police investigation did not throw up any evidence against Narendra Modi.

Similarly the SIT set up by the Supreme Court, as per media reports could find no evidence against him. It has been more than 10 years and three different kinds of investigations have resulted in nothing against the CM. The story has to end somewhere. But despite the baggage of Gujarat riots, Modi is running the government well and the state is walking on the path of success.

**Do you think Narendra Modi can become BJP's president or the PM of the country?**

I will not like to start a debate on the speculation done by the media. I think the party will decide this on this at the right time. But I would like to add that a person should be judged on his performance and not on prejudice.

**Do you want to be the president of Bhartiya Janata Party?**

I am a very ordinary party worker. It's been more than 40 years of my involvement with the ABVP and BJP. I will follow any responsibility given to me by the party.

**You have a clean image in the party; can we see you standing for election in the near future?**

Apart from ideologically, I am also emotionally attached with the party. If the party asks me to, I will have no objection in fighting an election.

**In the UP polls, do you think Rahul Gandhi is working very hard for his party?**

All the party workers are giving their best and if the media shows more footage of one particular leader, it doesn't mean that the other party leaders are not working hard. On the

ground everyone is working hard. There are few families which are officially patronized by the media, who love to highlight them.

**What is your party doing on the Lokpal Bill?**

India needs a Lokpal - A Lokpal Bill which is strong and unbiased. The three big amendments that we raised in the Rajya Sabha should be incorporated in the government bill and we will try our best to make things happen.

**How should India tackle the recent Indo-Iran developments after the terror attack near the Israel embassy in New Delhi?**

We have to think about our country's safety against terrorism and our energy security which are both important to us. I think the government outlines its foreign relations considering the above two points. Hence the government should wait for evidence to find out who was responsible for the terror attack and then decide.

**Any message for the Congress in the UP polls as an Opposition?**

I think to give any message to the Congress is to waste my own energy. I think the Congress should try to throw out BSP and SP from UP as they have been ruling in the state for the last eight and a half years. They have replaced the politics of development to politics of dividing the society on the basis of caste. Congress is desperate as the votes are not increasing and hence they are resorting to the tactics of communal polarization.

(Courtesy : ZeeNews)



## Nitin Gadkari appoints Satpal Satti as new HP BJP President

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has appointed two-time MLA Shri Satpal Satti as the new BJP president of Himachal Pradesh. A two-member high level team from the Central BJP office, New Delhi, consisting of National BJP General Secretary Shri J P Nadda and BJP National Secretary Shri Shyam Jaju had placed a list of about four names before the National President Shri Nitin Gadkari after thorough consultations with all the State leaders. Forty-seven-year-old Shri Satti, chief parliamentary secretary, turned out to be a name most acceptable to all in the state unit. ■(FOC)

## People are moving towards the BJP : Kalraj Mishra



*BJP National vice-president and Rajya Sabha member Shri Kalraj Mishra has also been the Uttar Pradesh State unit president for four terms. For the past year, he has been gearing up the party for UP Assembly elections. He himself is contesting Lucknow (East) Assembly seat. In the midst of hectic campaigning in Lucknow and his tours in U.P., he spoke to the Hindu about BJP's prospects, election issues and said the BJP would emerge as the single largest party after the Assembly elections. Excerpts*

**What is your assessment after three rounds of polling in the ongoing Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh? How do you rate the BJP's chances?**

The BJP is very hopeful after the three rounds of polling, which has seen a good turnout. Generally, in Uttar Pradesh the polling percentage used to be rather low at about 47 per cent or so but this time, the nearly 60 per cent turnout indicates that people in the State have made up their mind and decided to vote to change the present government. I can say with confidence that people are showing an inclination towards the BJP and in my assessment the BJP can emerge as the single largest party in the State.

**What are the factors for your optimism?**

The BSP was voted to power in 2007 only due to the failure of the Samajwadi Party government. People were not feeling secure under its regime. Law and order was worsening and governance became a casualty. Therefore, they rejected the SP and brought the BSP to power. The people have realised that the BSP government, which they expected to perform, boost development and move in a positive direction, has been a complete failure. Therefore, with full confidence I can say that the BJP has an edge, particularly among the young voters because the youth is feeling that it is only the BJP which is a nationalist party, which is united and integrated and can rule and provide better governance to the State and its people.

**What have been the main issues in the Assembly elections so far?**

I think that it is a positive development that the

main issues are good governance, development and security. Issues such as corruption, black money and worsening law and order situation have become the focus. The BJP is trying to project these things before the people.

**What would you say about the BJP's own set of problems and internal differences?**

I do not agree. The BJP does not have internal differences. We are contesting elections collectively, and if so many national leaders are here and all are trying to project the party as a viable alternative and the strongest party, where is the harm. It does not indicate internal differences in the party but a united effort by all our leaders.

**Your own leader Yogi Adityanath has said that no party would be able to form the government in U.P. and elections will be held again after a year.**

That may be his assessment but I feel that the BJP will do well and emerge as the single largest party after the polls. People have seen the NDA rule at the Centre in the past and the BJP rule in U.P. and they are also seeing the BJP governments in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh as well as in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat. This time round the electorate in U.P. is inclining towards the BJP.

**What are your expectations from the remaining phases of polling?**

I feel that our party will do well in the remaining areas. People are fed up with corruption and they want good governance and security and they feel that the BJP can deliver both, and that is why I feel that BJP will find favour with the people. ■

(Courtesy : The Hindu)

## Requests CEC for immediate action against Minister Beni Prasad Verma

*A day after Union Law Minister Salman Khurshid tendered apology to the Election Commission for his assurance to voters to increase the reservation of minorities, another Union minister raised the same issue and that too from the same platform, during the poll panel to initiate action against him. This time it was Union Steel Minister Beni Prasad Verma who dared the Election Commission to initiate action against him by raising the minority reservation issue in an election meeting in Farrukhabad in the presence of Khurshid and Congress general secretary Digvijay Singh.*

*“Reservations for the backward Muslims would surely be increased and if the Election Commission wants to serve notice on me, it is welcome to do so,” Beni had said while campaigning for Salman Khurshid’s wife Louise in Farrukhabad.*



*Meanwhile, Congress general secretary Digvijay Singh defended the Union Steel Minister saying there was no violation of model code of conduct by Beni Prasad.*

*BJP reacted sharply to the new development and submitted a memo to CEC for quick action against this minister. The full text of the BJP memo:*

To,  
The Chief Election Commissioner

Date: 17-02-2012

ECI may kindly recall our earlier memorandum of 10 January, 2012 on the Farukkabad speech of Shri Salman Khurshed announcing 9 percent sub quota within the OBC quota for the Muslim community in Uttar Pradesh. This in our view amounted to a gross violation of the model code of conduct .ECI issued a notice to Shri Khurshed. The latter’s reply was considered in a quasi judicial hearing in which Sri Khurshed was represented by Shri Abhishek Singhvi and the BJP was represented by Shri Ravishankar Prasad and Ramakrishna. ECI came to the conclusion that there was indeed a violation of MCC and accordingly the ECI passed an order censuring Shri Khurshed.

Unfazed by the order, Shri Khurshed made yet another campaign statement in the same tone and tenor, denigrating the Commission in the process. We drew the attention of the Commission to this attitude of defiance and urged the Commission to take a more stringent action such as banning the minister from electioneering in UP. The Commission took a serious view of the belligerent attitude of the minister and in an unprecedented move. The Commission decided to draw the attention of Rashtrapatiiji to the whole issue. Subsequently Shri Khurshed wrote to the Commission expressing regret.

We thought the matter will rest there and good sense will prevail. But our hopes have been belied even before the ink was dry on Shri Khursheds letter to the Commission. Another foot soldier, incidentally also another Union Minister, Shri Beniprasad Verma has entered the fray today to take forward the carefully orchestrated and premeditated programme of the Congress party to continue

# NDA trounces UPA in Municipal Corporation elections in Maharashtra

From Our Correspondent



The Shiv Sena-BJP-RPI alliance has won a splendid victory in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation election, retaining control over the country's richest civic body which presides over the destiny of the nation's financial capital and possibly the most vibrant city. The Congress-NCP alliance, despite the bluff and bluster of those who had written off the Shiv Sena-BJP-RPI combine, has performed miserably. Instead of improving their tally, they have lost seats: The Congress alone is down from 76 to 50 seats.

On the other hand, BJP has performed far better than its critics had predicted it would, increasing its tally by three seats.

The Shiv Sena has reason to rejoice. It has proved its

detractors wrong by leading the Shiv Sena-BJP-RPI alliance to victory in Mumbai, Thane and Ulhasnagar. Meanwhile, BJP is leading the race in Nagpur where it got a resounding victory, thus retaining control of the municipal corporation in that city. For the first time the Congress and NCP parties contested the BMC poll as allies, hoping to "consolidate secular votes", as Maharashtra Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan put it, but that has not fetched either of them any benefits. If anything, Mr Chavan's description of the civic elections as a "contest between the UPA and the NDA" will now return to haunt him. The NDA has trounced the UPA.

As per the latest figures available, in Mumbai the Shiv Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party-

Republican Party of India combine bagged a total of 107 seats. It was followed by the Congress-Nationalist Congress Party coalition at a distant second position with 65 seats. The MNS grabbed 29 seats, and Independents and others 26 of the total 227 seats. In Thane, the SS-BJP-RPI combine won 62 seats, followed by Congress-NCP with 52 seats, and the MNS 7. Independents and others bagged 9 seats. In Nagpur the total seats are 145. Shiv Sena got 06, BJP 62, Congress 41, NCP 06, MNS 02, and others 28. It is noteworthy that the BJP-Sena alliance has controlled the BMC for the last 16 years and the very fact that it has been able to keep anti-incumbency at bay speaks volumes about its record of delivery. (FOC) ■

## People will throw away Congress from power & Elect BJP for all-round development of Goa : Ravi Shankar

From Our Correspondent

**B**JP National General Secretary and chief Spokes-person Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad released the election manifesto namely 'Goa Vision Document' on February

promises made by the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) in Goa.

State President Shri Laxmikant Yeshwant Pareskar, Ex-Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar and Lok Sabha MP from North Goa

Digambar Kamat Government is presiding over Rs 25,000 crore illegal mining scam and several Cabinet Ministers are involved in it.

He said Goa has

"We will also reduce petrol prices by Rs 11 by eliminating Value Added Tax with effect from April 2012".

Shri Parrikar said that upcoming elections will prove a political Waterloo for the ruling



19 in Panaji. Unemployment benefit up to Rs 4,500 per month; reducing fuel prices by Rs 11; cash transfer of Rs one lakh to account of a girl child on completion of 18 years of age for her marriage expenses, promises to give affordable houses to everyone; regular monthly allowance of Rs 1000 to housewives to cope up escalating prices and raising the social security benefit for senior citizens from the current Rs 1,000 per month to Rs 2000. are some of the election

Shri Shripad Naik, other senior leaders of the party were present during the manifesto release and vowed to fulfilling these promises once voted to power.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad said people of Goa will throw out the Digambar Kamat led Congress government from the power in the State and will give comprehensive mandate for a BJP led government for the all-round development of the State. He said the

been the centre of an illegal mining probe being conducted by the Central Government constituted Justice MB Shah Commission. The Opposition BJP is taking on the Congress-led coalition Government for not acting against the malaise. The Justice MB Shah commission which has been probing illegal mining in India, is expected to submit a report to the Central Government soon and then the real face of Congress party in Goa will be exposed, he said.

Shri Prasad said

Congress in the state. He also said that the Lokayukta would be tasked with probing the cases of illegal mining and that all those facing allegations of illegal mining right from the Chief Minister's office down to the bureaucracy, will be tried by the Lokayukta.

"All illegal mining cases will go to the Lokayukta. Government documentation available will be enough to prosecute them," Shri Manohar Parrikar said.

Referring to tickets given to 12 members from five families by the Congress, Shri Parrikar alleged these families would control 'political loot'. "People are wise enough to understand the messy work done by the ruling Congress. I am sure that public would not support these mafia gangs," he said.

**Highlights of the 'Vision Document'**

- ▶ The manifesto promises dedicated mining corridors in Sanguem and Quepem talukas within 30 months and spending 60 percent mining royalty on infrastructural development and revival of ecosystem.
- ▶ In its manifesto, the party has also called for regulation of illegal mining. "Legal mining needs to be regulated. Dedicated corridors to be developed with two and a half years to ensure safer and trouble free transportation. 60 per cent of royalty received by Government on mining will be used for infra structure, developmental projects, agricultural and environmental

revitalization in the areas affected by mining".

- ▶ It also assured to bring to book all those involved in the multi-crore illegal mining scam.
- ▶ It promised to institute the Goa Lokayukta within 100 days of coming to power.
- ▶ the party would impose an environment cess on mining as well as lobby with the Central Government to increase the royalty share of the

Goa Government, which currently earns '1,200 crore in form of royalty for the 51 million tonnes of iron ore exported annually from Goa's Mormugao Port Trust (MPT) once they come in power.

- ▶ Unemployment benefit up to Rs 4,500 per month
- ▶ BJP government will reduce fuel prices by Rs 11
- ▶ It promises cash transfer of Rs one lakh to account of a girl child on

completion of 18 years of age for her marriage expenses,

- ▶ The Vision document promises to give affordable houses to everyone;
- ▶ Regular monthly allowance of Rs 1000 to housewives to cope up escalating prices
- ▶ It promises to raise the social security benefit for senior citizens from the current Rs 1,000 per month to Rs 2000. ■

## Goa results will go the Mumbai civic poll way : Parrikar

Results of the Goa assembly elections will go the way of the Mumbai civic polls, former Goa Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar said in Panaji.

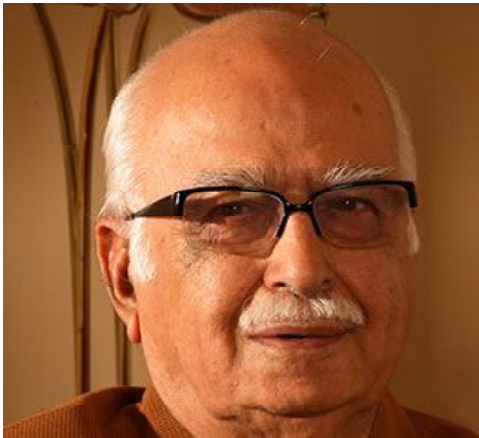
Interacting with media persons during a press conference at the party headquarters in Panaji Shri Parrikar said, "This election on March 3, 2012 will be Congress's Waterloo in Goa. The results in the Goa elections will be the same as the BMC (Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation) results".

Shri Parrikar said in the Mumbai civic poll, the Congress-Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) alliance was thrashed by the Shiv Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party combine. Of the 227 seats at stake, the BJP-Shiv Sena-RPI combine won 107 seats, while the Congress-NCP could get only 66 seats.

Noteworthy, the Elections to Goa's 40-member state legislative Assembly will be held on March 03. The BJP has tied up with the Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP), while the ruling Congress has tied up with the NCP once again. ■ (FOC)







# IN CORRUPTION SCANDALS, UPA'S RECORD IS UNBEATABLE

By L K Advani

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In their coverage of news, most dailies with multiple editions are becoming regional newspapers. The Hindu of Chennai is one paper about which my impression is that important developments in any region of the country are seldom missed. Its coverage is thus truly nation-wide.

I remember when before independence, I first saw this paper, it seemed to me a unique daily, whose page- one carried no news, only advertisements. Banner headlines used to be taboo even on inside pages.

A colleague drew my attention to the fact that lately page one of Hindustan Times is becoming similar. But while the Hindu ads of yore were single column, more like classified ads, H.T. ads these days are massive, and so big revenue-earners. Last Saturday (February 4, 2012) for instance, both page 1 and page 2 carried advertisements of 7 UP, Real Lemon Juice and 7 UP, Natural Lemon Flavour (reproduced here along with this blog).

However, the context in which I am writing this particular blog is a two column

news items I saw in this same issue on page one. This news item has been described as 'ADVERTISEMENT', and carries the caption split up into 5 lines, thus:

First Victory  
Down Under:  
India Beat Aus  
by 8 wickets  
in Second T20

When at Lucknow the next day the media asked me my reaction to the verdict of the CBI Trial Court on Swami's case I said if even after dozens of ignominious defeats in U.K. and Australia in Test Matches and One Dayers, the Cricket Control Board can feel so ecstatic about a single T-20 victory as to put out the news as PAID NEWS, why cannot the Government of India emulate the Cricket Board by using the front page of Hindustan Times to highlight as Advertisement the remarkable relief

Palaniappan Chidambaram has received from a court, coming as it does after an avalanche of judicial reprimands and admonitions from the Supreme Court and several High Courts, administered to the Government

of India.

Taking the cricket analogy still further, if the 2G Spectrum Scam Series were to be regarded as a Match Series, obviously crusader Subramaniam Swamy has to be acknowledged as Man of the Series.

In respect of the 2G Scams, the operative part of the Supreme Court's landmark judgement has been: all the 122 transactions executed by former I.T. Minister A. Raja are quashed. The Supreme Court has held these licenses as illegal and unconstitutional.

Subramaniam Swamy has announced that he would appeal against the Trial Court's decision. The key question the judiciary has now to decide is: Is A Raja the former Telecom Minister the solitary villain of the piece, and the only person responsible for these fraudulent transactions?

If a comprehensive history of corruption scandals in independent India were to be written, I have no doubt that both in respect of the number of these scams as well as in terms of their financial dimensions and/or their gravity, no earlier

government can outbeat the stinking record of the UPA Government.

This Government is headed formally by Dr. Manmohan Singh, but by now there is no doubt in any one's mind that this government is actually run by UPA Chairman Smt. Sonia Gandhi, and Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh!

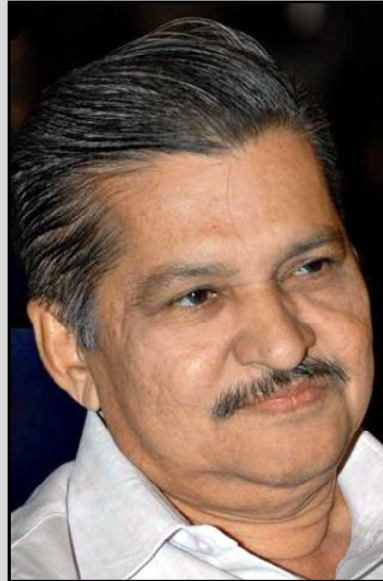
Here below is a tally of the ten murkiest matters that come to mind :

1. Cash for Votes scandal which has besmirched the name of Indian Democracy
2. 2G Scam Cases
3. Commonwealth Games Scandal
4. Quattrochi case
5. Adarsh Housing Case
6. Appointment of Chief Vigilance Commissioner, P.J. Thomas
7. Abysmal failure to get back the enormous wealth Indian black money earners have stashed away abroad in Swiss banks, or other such tax havens. Following U.N's Convention against Corruption, not only major countries like U.S., Germany and France, but also smaller countries like Peru and Nigeria have succeeded in securing their wealth.
8. Supreme Court admonitions in respect of IMDT Act and continuing massive illegal immigration from Bangladesh into Assam and other North Eastern States.
9. Telgi Stamp Paper Case
10. Pune stud-farm owner Hasan Ali's scandal.

#### TAILPIECE

A joke circulating in Pakistan these days is : In India, the Government decides the age of Army Chief; in our country the Army Chief decides the age of the Government. ■

## Senior BJP leader & Karnataka Minister V. S. Acharya no more



Senior BJP leader and Karnataka Higher Education Minister Dr. Vedavyas Srinivas Acharya died on February 14, 2012 in Bangalore. He was 71.

Dr Acharya's death was announced by Karnataka Chief Minister Shri V. Sadananda Gowda to reporters in Vidhan Soudha minutes after the Minister's death around 1.p.m.

A physician by profession, he became a member of the Karnataka Legislative Council in 1996. One of the senior-

most members of the Cabinet, Dr. Acharya also held the Home portfolio. He is survived by his wife, four sons and a daughter.

### Nitin Gadkari Condoles Dr. Acharya's demise

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has expressed his profound grief and sorrow on the demise of the senior Karnataka BJP leader Dr. Vedavyas Srinivas Acharya.

In a condolence message, Shri Gadkari said with the departure of Dr. V. S. Acharya, the BJP has lost a stalwart in Karnataka. It is a personal loss to me as well, the BJP President said in his message. A physician by profession Dr. Acharya was instrumental in the then Jan Sangh's victory in 1968 of Udupi municipal council which had laid foundation for BJP rule in the south, Shri Gadkari said.

### Karntaka CM in tears

Describing him as his "political guru", a tearful Karnataka Chief Minister Shri D V Sadananda Gowda paid rich tributes to Higher Education Minister Dr. V S Acharya. Overcome with emotions and fighting back tears, Shri Gowda termed the 71-year-old Dr. Acharya as a statesman, a man of integrity and a party loyalist. "He did not have a single black-mark in politics" and he was duty-conscious till the last minute", the Chief Minister said. He further said, "He is my political guru"."He is no more with us today. But somehow, he (Dr. Acharya) will continue to guide us ". ■

## BJP to create Telangana on being voted to power : Kishan Reddy

From Our Correspondent

Telangana Poru Yatra led by Andhra Pradesh BJP President Shri G. Kishan Reddy concluded at Bhadrachalam in Khammam district on the twenty second day. On his arrival in Bhadrachalam Shri Kishan Reddy held Pooja in holy river Godavari in the morning. Later

Apart from Shri Kishan Reddy senior leader of the party Shri Dattatreya and Shri Endala Laxminarayana, Prof. Kodandaram, Senior Editor Shri Pothuri Venkateswara Rao, Dr. Gopalakrishna also addressed the rally. Addressing the massive gathering Shri Kishan Reddy said, "It is the Leader of

attachment towards the cause of Telangana. What all she is interested is in making Rahul the PM and nothing else.

Shri Reddy also said that TDP leader and former Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu has also shifted his stand on Telangana after the December 09, 2009 statement. His shift has prompted the Central Government to go back on Telangana promise.

Shri Reddy demanded that the 'Telangana Bill' be introduced in Parliament in the upcoming budget session and assured that all the 166 BJP MPs would support the bill. Otherwise, he said that when BJP would form the Government at the Center in 2014 it would soon after create the Telangana State.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Kodandaram said that BJP has really done a wonderful programme that has stirred up the movement in the post *Sakala Janula Samme* period. He extended unequivocal support to the yatra and congratulated Shri Kishan Reddy for leading a successful programme. ■



he garlanded the statue of Godavari Thalli. This statue was erected in the memory of the poru yatra that started at Krishna river and ended at Godavari river.

Later on a huge public meeting was held at Bhadrachalam. Thousands of students, common people, and BJP karyakartas attended the meeting.

Opposition in the Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj who has raised the Telangana issue for the first time in the Parliament. When she spoke on Telangana neither Sonia Gandhi nor Manmohan Singh had shown any sympathy towards this cause in the Parliament". He said that Sonia Gandhi does not have any affection or emotional

### Separate Telangana State is the only solution : Venkaiah Naidu

Former BJP National President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has reiterated BJP's unstinted support to the Telangana Statehood movement and assured that the BJP led NDA would surely create a separate Telangana state if it came to power at the centre.

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu was addressing the mammoth public rally organized to mark the culmination of BJP State President Shri Kishan Reddy's Telangana Poru Yatra.

He said the common people of this region is facing innumerable problems due to the Telangana Movement and an separate Telangana state is the only solution.

Dr. Gopalakrishna said that people have heavy expectations from the BJP and congratulated ►►

## Humility & kind-heartedness of Shivraj is a major BJP asset : Advani

Addressing the felicitation function of Bhopal MP and former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Kailash Joshi for completing 50 years in active politics BJP Parliamentary party Chairman Shri Lal Krishna Advani on February 15, 2012 said the Congress pushed the country into "backwardness", and said BJP would lift Uttar Pradesh out of penury if voted to power.

"We have been telling the people of Uttar Pradesh that if they give us a chance then we will strive to bring the northern State out of the BIMARU tag as happening with Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and other States in Hindi belt where we are in power," Shri Advani said.

He said, "Congress failed to translate swaraj the country had gained post Independence into development despite remaining in power for so many years". Praising Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Shri Advani said his "humbleness and kind-heartedness" is a major asset for the ruling party. "The Chief Minister is doing a very good job," he said, adding since the BJP came to power, the Hindi-belt States have started shedding their BIMARU tag. We are trying to bring Uttar Pradesh out of BIMARU tag and Madhya Pradesh is an example to emulate, Shri Advani said.

Among others Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan, BJP president Shri Prabhat Jha and other senior leaders of the party were present. (FOC) ■



► Shri Reddy for doing a programme that has stirred up the Telangana movement.

Shri Pothuri Vebkateswara Rao speaking on the occasion said that he himself along with many people born in Andhra region are for a separate state of Telangana. He said that BJP has organised this yatra at a time when people are put to confusion about the status of the Telangana movement.

Later in the day, Shri Kishan Reddy held road shows at Sarapaka, Ashwapur and Manuguru. Huge crowds attended the meetings.

Addressing on the occasion Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh said that it was the Telangana movement that had inspired the Chhattisgarh statehood movement. He reminded the famous poem of Pavan Diwan "Har jawan ban gaya deevana, Chattisgarh ban jaayega Telangana"

Dr. Singh said that if Congress doesn't grant Telangana State, then those who will grant it are sitting on this dais.

BJP State President Shri Kishan Reddy said that the people of two regions in this state are quarreling on a daily basis in the United State. He blamed the Congress and TDP parties for playing with the emotions of the common people of the State.

Telangana Joint Action Committee Convener Prof. Kodandaram said that the movement will continue until statehood is achieved. TNGO leader Shri Swami Goud also participated in the meeting. ■

# BJP demands Inter-State Council meeting to discuss NCTC



*In a press release BJP National General Secretary & National Spokesperson Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said that the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) is not on the lines promised by the Congress led UPA government in the wake of 26/11 and demanded that a meeting of the Inter-State Council be called to discuss the matter instead of forming it through an executive order. He also asserted that since law and order is a State subject, the Union government should keep the States in the loop in the functioning of NCTC. Not doing so — as envisaged in the proposed NCTC— is a breach of the federal structure, he said.*

*The full text of the Press release.*

In November 2009, marking the first anniversary of the Mumbai terror attack, Union Home Minister P Chidambaram had spoken of a grand arrangement to address India's security concerns. As a part of this, he had envisaged the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) as an overarching body bringing better coordination, synergy and dynamism among the various agencies such as the RAW, the IB, the NIA and the NSG. The home minister then said it was his "fervent plea" that this "should not result in turf wars".

Presently as things stand the NCTC is reduced to be yet another agency under the IB. The NTRO meant for surveillance for

preventing and containing terrorism is used more to track political opponents.

Law and Order is a state subject as per Schedule 7 of the Indian Constitution. Although on issues of national security the Government of India could take the necessary initiatives it is expected that they would do it with consultation and with a consensus building approach. The Congress led UPA is arrogant and on several critical matters they have decided with hardly any consultation with the states. The Teesta water agreement with

## Seven CMs against the NCTC

Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha and Tamil Nadu have come out against a proposed powerful counter-terror intelligence hub, saying it infringed on the rights of states. The Congress, which leads the UPA, tried to play down the issue after ally and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee joined the chief ministers of the Bharatiya Janata Party ruled states. Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief N. Chandrababu Naidu also spoke out against the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC).

The chief ministers declared that they were against the NCTC because they had not been consulted before New Delhi notified it. In a separate letters to the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, six of them complained that the proposed NCTC would infringe on the federal structure and the rights of state governments. It allows central government agencies to make arrests or searches in terrorism-hit states without seeking permission from the State governments. ■

Bangladesh, the FDI in multi brand retail, the Communal Violence Bill are only recent examples of how the Central Government has bulldozed its agenda under the garb of 'right to do so.'

The BJP strongly believes that on matters of National security and fight against terrorism there are no compromises to be made. Speaking in the Parliament in August 2011, the Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Shri Arun Jaitley, reminded the government that the NIA has failed to live up to the expectation

of the nation. He said, "The three years in which the NIA have investigated the Mumbai case for such a major conspiracy which would have involved hundreds of conspirators both within and outside, only one man stands convicted."

The efforts of this government in bringing about a safer India do not instill confidence. Concluding his speech in the Rajya Sabha, Shri Jaitley in August 2011, had said, "National Security will have to prevail over vote bank politics. You will have to strengthen the prevention of terror, the

combating of terror and the punishment of terrorists... My last advice to the Hon'ble Home Minister is to keep in mind the national interest and the feelings of all patriotic Indians. You will do this country a lot more good, if you follow a strong Anti-terror policy." The UPA is playing vote bank politics, is arrogating powers to itself without any concern for the states.

On the one hand they are not facilitating state governments in their fight against terrorism. Gujarat government's GUJCOC (Bill for prevention of Organised Crime) is for years awaiting central clearance while Maharashtra has a comparable law now for years. The Unlawful Activities Prevention Act has absorbed several of the provisions of the POTA. For political reasons POTA is being attacked but the same is being justified in an alternative name.

NTRO which was planned as a surveillance agency is more in news for political surveillance. The way in which the NCTC is being set up by an Executive Order without even consulting the states is now being objected to by even UPA's own allies such as the Trinamool Congress. The UPA has successfully run a campaign to color code terror rather than fight it.

In setting up the NCTC without consultation, usurping what is necessarily in the States' domain the UPA has clearly attacked the basic federal structure of our Constitution. No wonder the states are standing up against it. The BJP demands that a meeting of the Inter State Council be called to discuss this matter immediately. ■

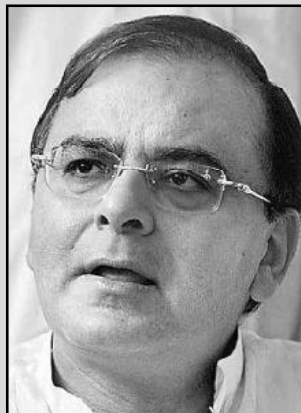
## Keep NCTC in abeyance till consensus with states evolves : Arun Jaitley

The Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley has termed the Central government's decision to form the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) through an executive order as a breach of the federal structure and demanded that the decision be kept in abeyance till a consensus is evolved with the states. Expressing support to the chief ministers of the states which have opposed the NCTC in its present form, he alleged that the Centre took the decision to establish the anti-terror body without consulting the states.

"This is one of the many instances which show that statecraft and statesmanship have become alien to this government... We are not a union of states but have a federal structure. If the government questions this, the states have a right to protest," he said.

Maintaining that federalism is a part of the basic structure of the Constitution which no Parliament can change, Shri Jaitley said public order and police powers are functions of the states in the federal set-up.

He insisted that the fight against terrorism is as much a responsibility of the states as that of the Centre and to combat it effectively the states have to be involved. He said the present executive order for forming the NCTC should be kept in abeyance and the states should be consulted to evolve a consensus. ■



# Congress's definite design to take EC for a joy ride of electoral pleasure

By Amba Charan Vashishth

The cat is out of the bag. The Manmohan government did toy with the idea of clipping the wings of the Election Commission (EC) which dared to bring before law the law-maker and law-breaker Law Minister Salman Khurshid for violating the Model Code of Conduct (MCoC) for Political Parties. Irked by the EC issuing him a notice and seeking explanation, the Minister had claimed that as Law Minister his ministry exercised "administrative control over Election Commission". A further provocation was provided to Congress-led UPA by the registration of a case against Congress general secretary Rahul Gandhi for violation of the MCoC.

Now that the intention got leaked out, UPA is in the denial mode though the media maintains that Government was thinking on those lines and it was in possession of documents to this effect.

During the current elections, particularly in UP, Congress has proved to be a serial offender of the MCoC. This conduct also appears indicative of the frustration caused by poor response of the people to election rallies addressed by Mrs. Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. That seems to be the reason why one minister after the other is

indulging in infringing the Code in a last ditch effort to woo voters.

First, it was the Law Minister Salman Khurshid who 'valiantly' broke the election code. Duplicity and dubious conduct is the dharma Congress professes and practises in its quest for attaining the goal of 'secularism' which for Congress means only minority community appeasement. The latest shining example is the law-breaker Law Minister Salman Khurshid whom Congress protected to the

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hilt while feigning to respect the EC.

While campaigning for his wife in the UP assembly elections Shri Salman Khurshid promised a 9 percent quota of reservation to Muslims. He knew what he was doing and for what purpose. Despite the prying eyes of the EC he succeeded in making his appeal with a communal tone reach the voters. The veteran lawyer knew that worst come worst he could, at best, face an EC indictment which, in effect, is virtually no more than a pampering rap. And this happened.

On February 10, 2011 EC

came to the "inescapable conclusion" that Shri Khurshid "made a new promise to a distinct targeted group of the electorate among the minorities....as a Union Minister for Law and Minorities Affairs....(and) violated the Model Code of Conduct". The EC gave a lie to the Khurshid claim that his remarks were only a reiteration of Congress's manifestos made in his personal capacity as leader of the party and not as the Union Minister.

The Commission said, "he (Khurshid) failed to show to the Commission any manifesto of his party where the party has made any announcement to the effect....." It also rejected his contention that the said remarks were made

in his (Khurshid's) personal capacity. The argument, EC held, was "quite ingenious, does not hold water in view of the factual position". Yet, for the union minister the guilt did not appear to be something to feel ashamed of but an act of chivalry to feel proud of. The very next day Shri Khurshid was again at his best in breaking the law of ethics when he claimed that the Batla House encounter pictures had jerked tears out of Mrs. Sonia Gandhi's eyes. But this time it was not the EC or the opposition but his own Congress Party which nailed Khurshid's lie.

As the EC on February 11

approached the President for action against a defiant Khurshid, the latter tried to paint himself a martyr saying I will “stick to stand even if they hang me”. The President sent EC’s communication to the Prime Minister who, as always, preferred inaction and silence.

Shri Khurshid –and for that matter, the Congress – wanted to direct an appeal to minority votes on the basis of religion. They have done and succeeded in realizing their objective defying the Code and despite the EC verdict. In reality EC failed where Shri Khurshid succeeded.

Further, Shri Khurshid is also guilty of misleading the EC by telling a lie by claiming that he only reiterated what had been provided in earlier Congress manifestoes and that what he said was “in his personal capacity”. Is telling a lie no crime for a Union Minister in the world’s largest democracy? US President Richard Nixon had won with a landslide victory. But in the world’s oldest democracy he had to go because he lied to the nation in the infamous

Watergate scandal.

That differentiates the world’s oldest and biggest democracy, that is India! Here we have a minister above the law of the land.

In the meantime, polling in Mr. Khurshid’s wife was over and his electoral purpose had been served. So Shri Khurshid staged a tactical retreat. His spirit to attain martyrdom gave way to humility and he immediately apologised to the EC who was graciously generous to grant pardon and declare the matter closed.

But hardly had the din settled that another Union Minister Beni Prasad Verma took up the thread to adopt the same rebellious posture against the MCoC by committing the same offence for which Shri Khurshid had been censured: promising a bounty of reservation to Muslims on religion basis.

It is now more than clear that the whole exercise is being orchestrated with a clear-cut well-designed strategy towards a definite electoral end. Till the polling in his wife’s assembly constituency was over Shri

Khurshid was at his defiance best even after he was censored by the EC but resiled after realising his electoral objective.

The Khurshid story was likely to be repeated here also. After the polling in Shri Verma’s area is over, no electoral justification would be left for continuing with the crusade. He too would reiterate his unqualified respect for the EC, prostrate before it and seek apology which would be granted readily and generously. The matter would end there and then with both EC and Mr. Verma declaring the chapter closed.

This clearly indicates that in frustration the Congress is taking EC for an electoral joy ride for pleasure of politico-electoral gains. Congress leadership knows that, in the end, heavens are not going to fall and offenders will just be let off with a mild snub. It is time both the EC and the political parties did something concrete to stem the rot. Otherwise the EC and our democracy will continue to be the laughing stock of the world. ■  
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## PM powerless, Sonia running PMO : Katiyar

BJP National Vice-President Shri Vinay Katiyar while addressing a series of public meetings at Rampur, Raniganj and Vishwanathganj in Pratapgarh district said that the Prime Minister’s Office was being run on the directives of Congress president Sonia Gandhi and the country’s premier was not even empowered to take decisions on his own. He promised the people that if voted to power, the BJP would not introduce religion-based reservations in the State.

Attacking the Bahujan Samaj Party regime in UP, Shri Katiyar said during the last five years the Mayawati government had mercilessly looted the state exchequer and even ignored Dalits. “The Congress, the Samajwadi Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party are betraying the backward castes by reducing the percentage of quota for their reservations,” he said. Shri Katiyar said the BJP was a party that had never indulged in politics of caste and creed. ■





muddling the UP election scene with an oversplash of communal overtones. In the process, Union ministers are carefully chosen to denigrate the Commission such that the watchdog of free and fair elections is overstrained to protect its own frontiers.

That these postures constitute a breach of the MCC has already been established by the decision of the ECI after a quasi judicial hearing in Shri Khurshed's case. It is an established fact that the Congress party manifesto omits any reference to 4.5%, let alone 9% sub quota and therefore the repeated attempts by that Party to raise this subject are nothing but false promises to a community that constitutes 18% of the population of UP state. Since this false promise is designed as a sub quota, it tends to polarize the whole Election scene on religious, caste and communal lines.

It is unfortunate that Union ministers are being engaged to continue the relay race in making the false promises which are packaged in a parallel denigration of the ECI. Repeated breach of the MCC is itself reprehensible, but what compounds the offence is that the same offence is repeated by different functionaries holding ministerial positions. Straining the Commission at a time when it has its hands full in organizing the polls in the largest state of the country.

It was on this basis that we had hinted in our letter of 11-02-2012 that the ECI should now consider measures more stringent than a mere censure such as prosecution and the debarring of the delinquent ministers from electioneering Extraordinary situations such as the present one where lawmakers become lawbreakers and the fence that is Government itself starts eating the crop that is the sanctity of constitutional institutions such as the ECI call for extraordinary measures. What is at stake is the stature of a constitutional body and its mammoth task of ensuring a level playing field and free and fair Elections, which indeed is the bedrock of democracy.

We are confident that the Commission will rise to the occasion.

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## Sushma demands decisive action on Indian children in Norway

Asking the Congress led UPA government to take "firm and decisive" action on Norway's refusal to return the Indian children to their parents; Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj extended BJP's support to the issue. She said, "We are angry and upset over Norway's failure to return Indian children to their parents. The parents were allowed to meet the children for an hour after a gap of three months. There is no decision to return the children".

She maintained that after External Affairs Minister S. M. Krishna had given the assurance on television, the country was

hoping that the children will return to their parents immediately. "But nothing of that kind has happened. We demand the government must act tough and take a firm and decisive action for the immediate return of children to India. We will support all such action that the government might take to rescue our children from this trauma," Smt. Swaraj said.

She said, "I am closely watching the developments in the case over the last few months," and added that she had talked to the Indian Ambassador to Norway R. K. Tyagi for expediting the return of the children. He assured me of

his fullest cooperation. I met Norway's Ambassador to India in my Office. I told her that this was not a matter between an Indian family and Norwegian authorities.

This was a matter between two countries," She added. The Leader of Opposition "cautioned" the Norwegian Ambassador that her country will lose India's goodwill if the matter was not sorted out at the earliest.

"She appreciated my feelings and assured me of an early action. I am sorry that nothing substantial has been done despite the assurance," Smt. Swaraj lamented. ■

**ANDHRA PRADESH**

**Bring back black money stashed abroad : Venkaiah Naidu**

Former BJP national president Shri M Venkaiah Naidu demanded the Congress led UPA government to spell out its stance in bringing back to India, billions of black money stashed away in foreign banks.



Addressing the participants after inaugurating a one-day political seminar for mandal cadre workers in Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh Shri Naidu stated that the CBI director, AP Singh had revealed that \$500 billion worth of illegal money was deposited in banks abroad, but the union congress government is yet to make its stance clear on what it is going to do about it.

He wondered why UPA chairperson, Sonia Gandhi and PM, Manmohan Singh were hesitating in taking a decision in that direction. "Are they worried about collapse of the government, if names of persons who stashed away monies in foreign banks, were made public", he questioned.

He stated that in spite of having eminent economists, UPA government had let the Indian economy dwindle and growth rates in every sector had decreased. He said that inflation is rising in the country and commercial sector was facing the brunt of it.

The agriculture sector too was affected, with lack of proper support and encouragement from government, with 42 percent of farmers having given up farming. This would only result in food crisis very soon, Shri Naidu asserted.

Criticising dynastic politics in Congress party and UPA government, he said that names of Nehru, Gandhi were being used for self growth rather than ensuring that programmes taken up in their names were implemented in spirit and action.

"Though NDA was a coalition of 26 parties, its rule was stable and there was no law and order or any other such problem in the country. But the UPA, especially UPA-II, which hardly has four active partners, is allowing anarchy to prevail in

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the country. The latest terrorist attack on Israeli diplomat and a few Indian citizens near Prime Minister's residence in Delhi is a clear indication as to clear failure of security apparatus," he said and added that conditions in the state too are similar.

Shri Venkaiah Naidu said that citizens across the country were looking towards BJP as the only alternative to UPA, hence it was high time for cadre to improve human relations and contacts with masses at grass-root level.

**DELHI**

**Jan Sangharsh Rath Yatra for exposing evil deeds of Delhi Govt : Vijender Gupta**



Addressing huge gatherings during the ongoing 'Jan Sangharsh Yatra' organised by Delhi unit of BJP, Delhi BJP president Shri Vijender Gupta, said, "During the yatra, the BJP will cover all its districts in Delhi for preparing the citizens to remove the Congress Government which is responsible for corruption. I am carrying forward the Jan Sangharsh Rath Yatra for the purpose of exposing the evil deeds of the Delhi Government which is responsible for the people living in a horrible condition due to lack of basic amenities, price rise and corruption," he said.

Addressing the gathering during the yatra, Shri Chandan Mitra BJP MP demanded that the UPA Government bring back to the country the black money in foreign banks. Shri Mitra said if the black money of Indians stashed abroad in tax havens comes back to India, it would immensely

help in alleviating poverty and each village of this country will get Rs four crore.

“The downslide of Congress will be reflected in the elections to civic bodies, Delhi Assembly and Lok Sabha. The people of the country have rejected the Congress. The country now wants change and the BJP will bring this change. The UPA Government is the Government of scamsters. Now the CBI has also stated that 25 lakh crore rupees of black money are stashed in foreign banks. The Congress Government is not ready to bring back this money for the development of the country because this black money belongs to them who have ruled the country for 50 years” he said.

He said to mislead the people, small players like Suresh Kalmadi were sent to jail. But according to the Shunglu Committee, CAG and other reports, top leaders of the Congress Party and Government are involved in CWG bungling and 2G spectrum scam. Due to this, the Congress Government is avoiding an impartial inquiry. When the BJP comes to power, it will put the people who have looted the country and stashed away black money in foreign banks, behind bars,” Shri Mitra said.

The seventh day of the yatra took the route from Sagarpur flyover till Najafgarh road and passed through five Assembly constituencies. The BJP workers on motorcycles moved along with the rath. Convener of the Yatra Shri Yogender Chandolia, BJP MLAs Shri Jagdish Mukhi and Shri Pradyuman Rajput, several sitting councilors and party office bearers were present on the occasion.

## HIMACHAL PRADESH

### Dhumal seeks Railway Minister's intervention for new Rail lines

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal has expressed surprise over the discontinuation of the land acquisition work for the Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri rail line and has sought the intervention of Union Railway Minister Dinesh Trivedi for starting the construction work on the project as agreed by the Prime Minister's Office in August 2007.

In a letter to Trivedi, he pointed out that according to the decision the Railway Ministry, 25 per cent of the project cost was to be borne by the state government and the rest 75 per cent by it.

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cost of land was also to be included in the state's share, but the cost over-runs were to taken care of by the ministry. However, the decision regarding the funding pattern was changed later by the Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA) without any consultation with the state government, which was unfortunate.

According to this new funding pattern, 25 per cent of the state share will include the cost of land acquisition, assessed at Rs 70 crore, and any increase in the land cost would also have to be met by it.

This was not in line with the earlier decision as per which the total cost of land was included in the state share of Rs 261.72 crore. Also, the cost over-run was to be taken care of by the Railways, but the CCEA decision did not mention this.

The Chief Minister also expressed concern over the discontinuation of the land acquisition work as the process had been completed in 11 villages for the initial track of 20 km. Notifications under Sections 6 and 7 had been issued by the Land Acquisition Officer, Bilaspur, and the discontinuation of the process would only add to the cost as it would not be possible to complete the project by December, 2015.

Prof. Dhumal urged the Union Minister to resume the process as the alignment of the line

had already been finalized and villages identified for land acquisition up to Beri.

He also urged Trivedi to make adequate provisions for the Nangal-Talwara broad-gauge rail line in the coming Budget so that it was completed over the next two years as per the commitment made by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh with the state in 2005. So far only 44 km of the track had been constructed up to Amb-Andora and the remaining 39 km of the line was yet to be laid. The survey for the Baddi-Kalka broad-gauge railway line had been completed as per which the cost had been estimated as Rs 385.45 crore for which adequate provisions should be made in the Budget. ■



# From Intellect to Intuition

By Shri Shri Anandamurti

In the mechanical sphere, knowing, or the functional side of knowledge, occurs with the perception of special types of reflections and refractions. But in the psychic sphere, it occurs as a result of the subjectivisation of objectivity or objectivities. For example, if a particular type of vibration hits an object or plate it meets with some resistance and may get reflected or refracted, as in the case of an echo; or a certain portion of the vibration may pass through the plate. In the mechanical stratum, knowledge, or the faculty of knowledge, is thus attained. But in the psychic stratum, knowledge involves the subjectivisation of any external objectivity or objectivities.

We take an external object inside ourselves, be it an elephant, a horse, a vocalised word, a touch, or anything else with which we come in contact in the outer world, and assimilate it in our psychic existential feeling. This is the process of knowing it is something related to the psychic sphere. So, knowledge has two aspects first, the aspect of reflection and refraction and, secondly, the psychic aspect; that is, the process of attaining knowledge in the psychic sphere.

Those who learned the science

of Tantra Yoga and Raja Yoga from Shiva cultivated the physical and psychic aspects of knowledge expressions and waves of vibrations. Consequently, Shaivites became followers of gyana marga, the cult of knowledge, whereas others became the followers of the cult of prapatti marga, devotion, and it is interesting to know the



difference between the two.

The first question that the gyana margi poses on seeing an object, whether psychic or spiritual, is invariably, What is this Their next question is, What is its source or origin Then they proceed further along that line to another source of knowledge where both reflection and refraction end. That is, the mind of the inquirer reaches a point where it fails to comprehend the plate on which the processes of reflection and refraction operate. The point where the mind loses its capacity to analyse or compare further is the Supreme Point, and

this is the Shaiva cult of knowledge.

Ananda Marga philosophy also supports the Shaiva cult as it strives for enrichment and advancement of the cult of knowledge. It encourages the development of intellect and wisdom, and motivates people to acquire more and more knowledge. And the constant pursuit of intellectuality leads one to its furthest point, the place where intuition begins, so helpful in spiritual practice.

The seekers path is not devoid of intellect or intuition; rather it is based on intuition. It facilitates maximum all-round progress of humanity and manifestation of highest human excellence. Those who follow bhakti marga could face certain hurdles in evolution due to the concept of submission to Cosmic Will without which not even a single blade of grass can move. This doctrine is called prapattivada.

A gyana Margi might say in refutation, Well, it is hundred per cent true that nothing in this universe, not even a blade of grass, can move without His will. This is exactly what we wish to discover in gyana marga: that He desired it, and then the blade of grass moved. So why not find out how His desire causes everything to happen and here lies the difference between the two cults.

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