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BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressing a huge Women Convention in Nippani, Karnataka.



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah waving at the gathering during a road show in Gokak, Belagavi (Karnataka).



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressing the Samavesh of Shakthi Kendra Pramukhs of Belagavi Vibhag in Mudhol, Karnataka.



Shri Amit Shah alongwith other senior Karnataka BJP leaders Visiting the renowned Kannada writer Shri M Chidanand Murthy ji's home in Bengaluru & have received his valuable inputs for BJP's manifesto to build a Nava Karnataka.



The UP BJP welcoming Party National President Shri Amit Shah & UP CM Yogi Adityanath before the rally in Raebareli.

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The Supreme Court has also cautioned against the misuse of courts in political tug of war. The SC verdict gives a clear message that the judiciary can not be misled by allegations based on political vendetta.



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I thank and congratulate PM Shri Narendra Modi as well as the Cabinet for the historic ordinance on women's safety. I welcome the provision of death penalty for rape of any girl below 12 years and increasing punishment from 10 to 20 years if a girl below 16 years is violated.



Cabinet has also made provisions for speedy investigation and trial of rape cases. This decision will act as a tough deterrent for such crimes and reflects the Shri Narendra Modi Government's strong commitment towards the safety and wellbeing of women.

— **Amit Shah**

People of Karnataka have made up their mind about the path to development in their state, they can very well distinguish between a visionary who connects with the masses, from someone who is ignorant of the hardships that a common man faces everyday.



— **Piyush Goyal**



Kamal Sandesh Parivar
wishes a very happy
SHANI JAYANTI
to its readers

TRUTH PREVAILS, FALSEHOOD NAILED!

The conspiratorial politics of falsehood once again got defeated in the highest temple of justice. The pernicious attempt to mislead the people through relentless propaganda by manufacturing doubts and suspicion now stands exposed. The Supreme Court has debunked the sham theories constructed around the death of Justice Loya in strongest possible terms. It was an attempt 'scandalous' as per the highest court of the country which amounted to attack on judiciary. A political conspiracy hatched at the behest of Congress and its cohorts was unmasked and nailed by the Supreme Court. It is slap on the face of those who believe that through conspiracies and false propaganda the judiciary can be pressurised to deliver verdict for their political gains. Once again the judiciary has refused to play in the hands of these conspirators and while dispensing justice brought truth before the nation. Not only this the highest court of the land while taking the petitioners to task reprimanded them for their mischievous political intent, misuse of the provision of PIL and for leading an assault on the judiciary itself. It is now the moral responsibility of those behind this conspiratorial politics to apologise for their extremely condemnable acts.

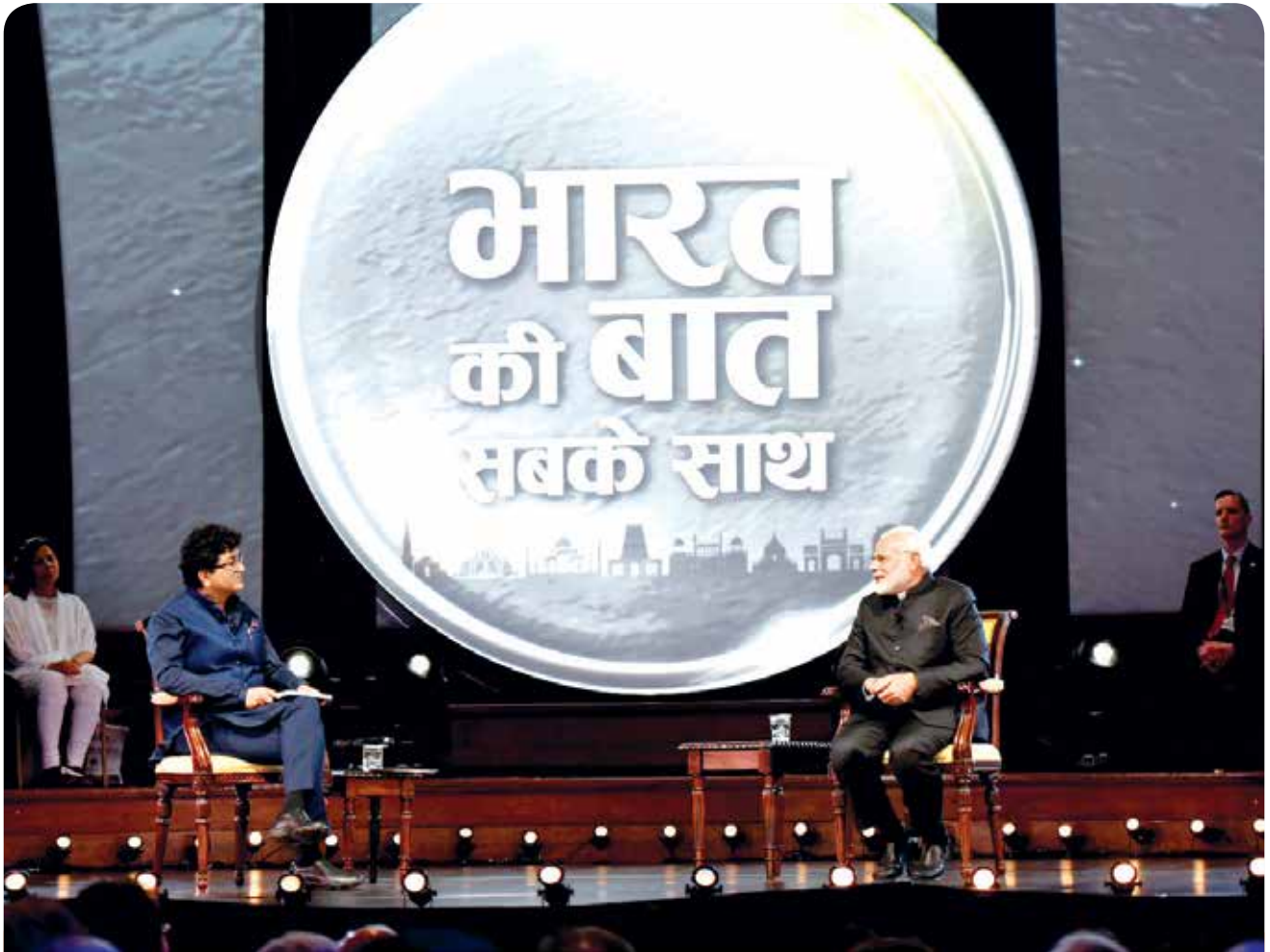
It is not the first time that the Congress and its cohorts have tried their hands in somehow misleading the public opinion by creating an atmosphere of doubts and suspicion through unfounded allegations and cooked up stories. But they rarely try to learn from the earlier drubbings that they received at the hands of the courts. In fact they have roundly failed in substantiating any of their charges against any of BJP leaders whom they wanted to target for political gains. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP National President Amit Shah are the most recent examples whom they tried to corner through their malicious propaganda and false charges but the courts in the final denouement not only rejected the politically motivated charges but exposed the political conspiracies in strongest possible terms. In the Justice Loya case the court has rightly observed that courts should not become grounds for political rivalries but as Congress has realized the fact that it has lost grounds among people it's trying to somehow mislead the courts in the country. In one of the most criminal acts while in government Congress tried to raise the bogey of 'Saffron Terrorism' even at the cost of maligning the name of the country. It has now been established beyond doubt that a criminal conspiracy was hatched at the highest levels in the government to create a hoax in the name of 'Saffron Terrorism' while arresting innocents and torturing them to extract confessions and by booking them under stringent provisions of law. But as the facts reveal now, the criminal conspiracy stands exposed and the innocents arrested have been released by the court. The Congress bid to construct the bogey of 'Saffron Terrorism' while leading a direct assault on national ethos have been defeated but it still resists an apology to the people of India.

The Congress is in habit of misusing its office when in power and weakening the democratic institution of the country. At the same time it seeks to demean, demoralise and demonize democratic institutions when out of power trying to influence them through its propaganda and pressure politics. It has undermined every constitutional institution, imposed emergency, attacked judiciary, censored media, gagged activists and tried to sabotage democracy in the country to remain clinging to the power. Now, when it has been ousted from the power by the people, it's trying to mislead the people by hook or crook. The recent acquittal of innocent victims of its criminal experiment of the hoax called 'Saffron Terror' and strong words to its cohorts on Justice Loya case are sufficient enough to hang its head in shame. But given the shameful track record of Congress leaders of today, it remains a distant dream to see them introspecting and correcting their political course. It seems that its obsession with propaganda politics, conspiracies, falsehood and betrayal of national cause will not allow it to become a serious political player in the country. ■

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125 crore people of India are my family: Narendra Modi



EXCERPTS OF PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI'S INTERACTION WITH THE INDIAN DIASPORA DURING 'BHARAT KI BAAT, SABKE SAATH' EVENT IN LONDON ON 19 APRIL, 2018.

Days of incremental change are over. People know that when they say something, the government will listen and do it," said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during 'Bharat Ki Baat, Sabke Saath' programme at the Central Hall Westminster, London, on 19 April, 2018.

Responding to a series of questions moderated by

CBFC Chairperson Prasoon Joshi, PM Shri Narendra Modi said his problem is not against criticism. "To criticize, one has to research and find proper facts. Sadly, it does not happen now. What happens instead is allegations," the PM said during his more than two-hour long interaction. "I want this government to be criticized. Criticism makes democracy strong. Democracy cannot

succeed without constructive criticism," he added.

ON DYNASTIC POLITICS OF THE CONGRESS

Earlier, the government was centred around a family but people have shown that in democracy, even a tea seller can become their representative and shake hands at the royal palace, said Shri Modi during 'Bharat ki Baat, Sabke Saath' programme. Noting that there is a big difference between "then and now", the Prime Minister said "when the policy is clear, intention is clear, and the intentions are noble, then you can achieve the desired result".

'INDIANS HAVE BECOME ASPIRATIONAL'

"If a person has a cycle, a person aspires a scooter. If a person has a scooter, a person aspires a car. It is natural to aspire. India is getting increasingly aspirational," he said. "Earlier, people had adopted a 'chalta hai' attitude but now they have high expectations from us," Shri Modi said, adding that the 125 crore people of India now feel excitement, hope and expectation. "If you will see where we stand in comparison to previous government, I can affirm that we left no stone unturned in doing good for the country on any parameter. You all must have seen that the power of your passport has increased. People look at you with pride. Still India is the same. But today we can see a difference. Indian has managed to do this and now people know the power of India," the PM said, comparing BJP led NDA government's achievements with that of his predecessors.

ON SURGICAL STRIKES AGAINST PAKISTAN

In response to a question on the surgical strikes by a member of the audience, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi warning Pakistan, asserted that India will not tolerate those who like to export terror and will respond to them "in the language they understand", referring to the 2016 surgical strikes conducted across the LoC in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir.

When "someone has put a terror export factory in place and makes attempts to attack us from the back, Modi knows how to answer in the same language", said the Prime Minister.

ON THE HEALTH OF EVERY INDIAN

Responding to a question on Modicare, the Prime Minister said the BJP led NDA government was working for the health of every Indian. "Our focus is on three things: education for students, employment for youth and medicines for

the elderly," he said, adding that the Ayushman Bharat National Health Protection Mission will cover more than 10 crore poor families providing them health insurance of up to Rs. 5 lakh per family annually. He hoped that more than 1,000 hospitals will come up in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities in the near future because of Modicare.

ON UNNAO AND KATHUA RAPE CASES

Rape is rape and should not be politicized, PM Shri Modi said, adding that the Unnao and Kathua rape cases were a matter of shame for India.

"Rape is rape. How can we accept this?" the PM said at the 'Bharat ki Baat, Sabke Saath' event, adding that people needed to ask more questions of the perpetrators.

"We always ask our daughters about what they are doing, where they are going. We must ask our sons too." The person who is committing these crimes is also someone's son, he said. "I have never indulged in counting the number of rape incidents in this government and that government. Rape is rape, be it now or earlier. It is extremely sad. Don't politicize rape incidents," the Prime Minister said. The rape of a daughter is a matter of shame for the country, he said.

ON PM'S ISRAEL VISIT

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, during the interaction, asked what prevented his predecessors from going to Israel, referring to previous governments' policy of avoiding highest-level visit to the Jewish state. "Yes, I will go to Israel and I will even go to Palestine," he said, who is the first Indian Prime Minister to travel to both Israel and Palestine in two separate visits. "I will further cooperation with Saudi Arabia and for the energy needs of India I will also engage with Iran," Shri Modi said, referring to the two middle east oil-rich power centres who are at odds with each other.

MAKE DEVELOPMENT A MASS MOVEMENT

Invoking the father of nation, PM Shri Modi said that during the freedom struggle, Mahatma Gandhi did something very different and he turned the freedom struggle into a mass movement. "He told every person that whatever you are doing will contribute to India's freedom. Today, the need of the hour is to make development a mass movement," the Prime Minister said, adding that he was determined to bring about a positive change in the lives of India's poor. ■

Salient points of PM's 'BHARAT KI BAAT, SABKE SAATH'

Your life began from a Railway Station, and you are coming to this programme from the Royal Palace. What you have to say about your life journey, asks Prasoon Joshi to PM.

I am thankful to you all to have invited me here and to give me the opportunity to speak here. My invite to Royal Palace is not my success story but result of hard work of 1.25 Bn Indians.

My life at the Railway Station taught me so much. It was about my personal struggles. When you said Royal Palace, it is not about me but about the 125 crore people of India. The person at the Railway Station was Narendra Modi. The person at the Royal Palace in London is the Svak of 125 crore Indians.

People are equivalent to Gods in a democracy and if they wish even a tea-seller can become their representative and shake hands at the Royal Palace.

Prashant Dixit asks- yes work is happening, but there is still some degree of impatience. What do you have to say to this.

The spirit of learning new things is the motivation to move forward at all ages. I am happy that the motivation within the 125 crore Indians is coming out. 'Besabri' is not a bad thing. If a person has a cycle, a person aspires a scooter. If a person has a scooter, a person aspires a car. It is nature to aspire. India is getting increasingly aspirational. Yes, people have more expectations from us because they know that we can deliver. People know that when they say something, the Government will listen and do it. Days of incremental change are over.

I will not be of use to the country, the day I lose my impatience. I want the impatience within me to grow day by day. You will find a huge difference in the kind of governance India had before our government came to power. India has progressed a lot since then. Clear policies, willpower and the intent of 'sarjan hitay, sarjan sukhai' can deliver development within same constraints of the system.

Priyanka Verma from Delhi asks a question for the PM- we select a Government that works for us. You have tried to change systems, but my

question is should all this not have been done earlier.

Since 1857 to 1947, people have sacrificed their lives for the freedom of the country, people have spent years in jail for Independence. Mahatma Gandhi gave a new direction to the struggle for Independence; he motivated people to do what they want to, and used it as an agitation. During the freedom struggle Mahatma Gandhi did something very different. He turned the freedom struggle into a mass movement. He told every person that whatever you are doing will contribute to India's freedom.

Today the need of the hour is to make development a mass movement. Post Independence, people think that only the government will transform the country. People need to look at the country as their own. Today the need of the hour is to make development a mass movement. Participative democracy makes good governance possible.

Mayuresh Ojhani from the audience asks a question about the feeling the PM had while taking bold, courageous and historic decision of "Surgical Strike".

Surgical strikes go back thousands of years in Indian history. India has never tried to capture anyone's land ever. Even though India did not want to capture any country during World War I and World War II but 1.5 lakh Indian soldiers gave their lives. India is one of those countries that has contributed the most at UN's peace keeping. There are countries that export terrorism and attacks from behind as they do not have the courage for war. We believe in peace. But we will not tolerate those who like to export terror. We will give back strong answers and in the language they understand. Terrorism will never be accepted.

I am proud of the Indian Army to have 100 per cent successfully implemented the surgical strike strategy and returned home before sunrise. We informed Pakistan about surgical strike before we announced it to Indian press and the world. Those who like exporting terror, I want to tell them that India has changed and their antics will not be tolerated.

No matter how big initiatives we take for the country, we need to assure that the last person in the queue is

also receiving the benefits of those initiatives.

Incidents like rape should always be condemned; it is a subject of worry for the country. Parents should not only keep a watch on their daughters, but also teach moral principles to their sons.

I do not need to read books to understand poverty. I have lived in poverty, I know what it is to be poor and belong to the backward sections of society. I want to work for the poor, the marginalized and the downtrodden.

18,000 villages did not have electricity. So many women do not have access to toilets. These realities of our nation did not let me sleep. I was determined to bring about a positive change in the lives of India's poor. When I came to power, I took an initiative to supply electricity to villages that are still in dark. Authorities told me that it will take almost 7 years, but I told them I cannot wait that long.

There were no toilets in villages and districts, women in such families used to wait for hours to badly affecting their health. I undertook the task to construct toilets for a better life.

Prasoon Joshi asks the Prime Minister- You are working hard but can you change the nation alone?

I am like any common citizen. And, I also have drawbacks like normal people do. I do not belong to a family of politicians and bureaucrats, I am a common man like all other Indians, my hard work is the only pledge that has led me here today. I did not have experience in governance. I told people that I may commit mistakes, but I also assured them that I will never do wrong by my will. I alone cannot transform the nation alone. If India has a million problems, then we have a billion solutions. Demonetization came as challenge for all of us, but I am proud of the people of my country that they contributed to this move to curb black money from the society.

Samuel from the audience asks a question - what are your expectations from 'Modicare'?

Education for the students, employment for the youth and medicine for the aged is what we should lay emphasis on, for the welfare of a society. 'Ayushman Bharat' is one initiative that has been taken by us, to provide the best health facilities to the families of India.

Maternity leaves for women have been increased to 26 weeks and this has been done keeping in mind the need for the good health of the child and of the mother.

Santosh Patil from Karnataka asks a question to PM on how Bhagwan Basaveshwara has influenced him.

Unfortunately, there have been efforts to do away with the Indian culture and history post Independence. One of the things I wanted to do in London was to pay homage to Bhagwan Basaveshwara. People of the nation need to realise their potential and do what is best for them.

It's our country's misfortune that after independence, attempts were made to erase the culture and history of India. People were kept from anything but one single family. What Lord Basweshwar did for women empowerment, democracy and social causes is an example for the world.

Since many years, the government of India has made people dependent. This has not helped the society. If you will see where we stand in comparison to previous government, I can affirm that we left no stone unturned in doing good for the country on any parameter. Before 2014, newspapers used to have headlines 'aaj itna gaya', today's news is 'Modi Ji kitna aaya'?

Answering other questions from the audience Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said the 125 crore people of India are my family. I could not go to the Commonwealth Summit in Malta. This time, Prince Charles came himself to invite me & said you have to attend the summit. Even Queen Elizabeth wrote a letter to me sayingw that you have to come.

What prevented Indian Prime Ministers from going to Israel. Yes, I will go to Israel and I will even go to Palestine. I will further cooperation with Saudi Arabia and for the energy needs of India I will also engage with Iran.

The world's attitude towards India and its citizens has changed in past few years. Democracy cannot succeed without constructive criticism, the PM said.

I want this Government to be criticised. Criticism makes democracy strong. My problem is not against criticism. To criticise, one has to research and find proper facts. Sadly, it does not happen now. What happens instead is allegations.

I was not born with an aim to be in history books. I request you all- remember our country and not Modi. I am just like you all, a common citizen of India. ■



A VITUPERATIVE ASSULT ON JUDICIARY: SC

Supreme Court says,

JUDGE LOYA DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES; PETITIONS “SCANDALOUS”

Rejecting petitions for an independent investigation into Judge BH Loya case on 19 April 2018, the Supreme Court said, “These petitions are scandalous” and a “frontal attack on the judiciary”.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra also found the petitions in criminal contempt, based on the statement of four Mumbai judges who were with judge Loya at the time and had asserted that he died of natural causes. 48-year-old judge Loya was hearing the Sohrabuddin Sheikh fake encounter case, when he died of a heart attack in Maharashtra’s Nagpur, where he was attending a wedding. The judge who replaced judge Loya

ruled there was not enough evidence against BJP National President Shri Amit Shah to merit a trial and discharged him. The top court, without naming anyone, said it “takes strong exception to insinuation made that one individual controls judiciary”.

DEVELOPMENTS OF THE CASE

- While rejecting a probe, the Supreme Court said “we can’t doubt the statements of the judicial officers who were with Loya” in his last hours.
- Judges J Kulkarni, J Barde, J Modak and JRR Rathi have stated that the death of Judge Loya

was “natural and unfortunate”. The Supreme Court said: “Business rivalries to be resolved in market and political rivalries in the hall of democracy. It is the court’s duty to protect law.”

- During the hearing, it was argued that the two other judges besides the Chief Justice, AM Khanwilkar and DY Chandrachud, should exit the case as they are from Mumbai.
- Five petitions called for an independent inquiry after questions were raised about the death last year. In an interview to the Caravan magazine, judge Loya’s sister Anuradha Biyani questioned the circumstances of his death. Another relative alleged that judge Loya was offered a huge bribe and was under immense mental pressure. The Maharashtra police rubbished the family’s claims.
- Amid renewed speculation, Judge Loya’s son Anuj Loya said in January that the family no longer had any suspicion about the death.
- “There was some suspicion before due to emotional turmoil, but now it is clear,” Anuj Loya told reporters.
- The Maharashtra government told the top court that the petitions were motivated and the judge’s death was being politicized since he was connected with a criminal case in which a person heading a political party had been discharged.
- The case became a rallying point for the opposition, which said there was a threat to democracy when lawyers and judges working on important cases were targeted. Congress President Rahul Gandhi met President Ram Nath Kovind with a group of lawmakers, asking for an independent investigation into judge Loya’s death.

PILS A “VITUPERATIVE ASSAULT ON JUDICIARY”

Justice Chandrachud, who wrote the verdict, described the PILs as a “vituperative assault on the judiciary”. He said they were an example of misuse of judicial process and time when hundreds of

litigants are waiting for their personal liberty.

Justice Chandrachud observed that the petitioners used the Supreme Court and their PILs as platforms to malign the Bombay High Court judiciary and the judicial officers who were with Judge Loya at the time of his death. At one point, the petitioners even wanted to “cross-examine” the judges who were with Judge Loya on their statements that said he died of a cardiac arrest.

Justice Chandrachud at one point wondered on the irony of why the petitioners first approached the Bombay High Court if they had no faith in its judges.

The judgment said the PILs were a “serious attack on the judiciary” and an attempt to “seriously scandalise” judges.

The PILs were an attempt to satisfy personal agendas and score over political rivals. The aura created by the petitioners that the PILs were meant to protect the independence of the judiciary - by seeking a probe into the death of Judge Loya - was a mere “facade”. The truth was that the petitioners wanted to sensationalise the death of a judge. The PILs were only a “veiled attempt to destroy the credibility of judiciary” with “scurrilious” claims. ⇒

CONSPIRACY TO DEFAME BJP PRESIDENT EXPOSED!

The Supreme Court has given its decision on Judge Loya’s death which has exposed the Congress party and its associates. Dismissing the PIL SC stated the following:

- **The PIL is politically motivated.**
- **The PIL has been filed to settle political score.**
- **It is a veiled PIL which has been filed by someone unknown and is complete politically motivated.**
- **The PIL is a blatant attempt to defame the Judiciary, especially the Supreme Court which is very unfortunate.**

The PIL was filed to defame the BJP in general and the party president Shri Amit Shah in particular. The Indian Judiciary has unveiled the truth in front of everyone and TRUTH has prevailed once again.

IMPORTANT EDITORIALS ON LOYA CASE VERDICT



GRAMMAR OF JUSTICE

.....In contemporary India, where the wheels of justice turn exceedingly slowly but they do, in the main, turn, those who would hang someone on the basis of their bias are utterly shameless in using justice as an irregular verb to aid their political, business, professional or personal interests and rivalries as the Supreme Court pointed out in its scathing order on Thursday rejecting a bunch of Public Interest Litigations (PILs) asking for a probe into the natural death of CBI Judge Brijgopal Harkishan Loya who was hearing the Sohrabuddin Sheikh encounter case. For this lot, deeply illiberal and implacable foes of the Rule of Law in this country, it's always like so — if the court agrees with them it is upholding the law and if it doesn't it's a travesty of justice!

In rejecting the demand for a probe into the death of Judge Loya reiterating the principle that while all deaths are unfortunate not every death is a murder and calling out the motivated, scurrilous and, frankly, criminally defamatory utterances of the petitioners and the despicable conduct of their counsels who made wild and sweeping allegations against anyone who did not agree with their narrative, a three-judge Bench of the highest court in the land headed by the Chief Justice of India also called them out for effectively trying to 'fix' BJP president Amit Shah.....



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IRON VERDICT

SC provides judicial closure to Judge Loya's death, but political slugfest will continue till April 20, 2018. Dismissing a set of PILs demanding a court-monitored SIT probe into the death of Judge BH Loya on December 1, 2014, the Supreme Court was stinging in its criticism of the petitioners – accusing them of scandalising the judiciary and equating their actions with contempt of court. Supreme Court found no reason to disbelieve the statements of four judicial

officers present with Loya before his death. It also slammed the political intentions behind the PILs.....



SC CLEARS THE AIR

Oppn's hollow cause of Judge Loya's death

The conspiracy theorists who smelt "wrongdoing" in the death of Judge BH Loya have to not only accept defeat, but also grapple with an angry Supreme Court, which has taken "strong exception to the insinuations made that one individual controls the judiciary". While dismissing the petitions seeking independent probe into Judge Loya's death, the three-judge bench headed by the Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra said: "There is no reason to disbelieve the sequence of events leading to the death as narrated by the four judicial officers namely Shrikant Kulkarni, Shriram Modak, R Rathi and Vijay Kumar Barde and the assertions of Bombay High Court Justices Bhushan Gawai and Sunil Sukhre....."



'ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE PUBLIC FAITH IN JUDICIARY'

To claims by petitioners that "one man" (Amit Shah) was controlling the judiciary was nothing but an attempt to undermine public faith in the judiciary and credibility of judicial process, the judgment said.

Justice Chandrachud said the petitioners should not use the courts to settle political scores. "Political rivalries should be settled in that great hall of democracy... Rule of law should not be reduced to a charade," he observed.

"INDUSTRY OF VESTED INTERESTS"

Justice Chandrachud described how PIL litigation had been brazenly misused to become an "industry of vested interests". The court flagged the avalanche of PILs entering the Supreme Court and the High Courts, creating arrears and severely taking a toll on court work.

The court dismissed the Loya PILs, holding that there was no reasonable suspicion to show that Judge Loya's death was unnatural. ■

CONGRESS CREATED MYTH OF 'SAFFRON TERROR' BUSTED

The Mecca Masjid verdict on April 16, 2018 that exonerated the so-called face of 'Hindu terror', Swami Aseemanand, with four other accused — came as a shock for Congress under whose rule the term 'Saffron Terror' was coined to target and humiliate the people having pride on the cultural ethos of the nation. There is no doubt that this term was constructed for political gains and to rationalize the terrorism by extremist left groups and radical Islamic groups. A former official RVS Mani told the media that Home Minister (P. Chidambaram) was involved in changing the files... To hide the truth, to change the truth and to change whatever was already submitted in the court through an affidavit, this is what Chidambaram and others in the Congress dispensation were doing just in order to prove saffron terror. It is time that Congress and its leaders Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi must apologise to the nation.

BJP National President Amit Shah on April 21, 2018 has rightly held Congress president Rahul Gandhi responsible over the party's attempts to "defame" Hindus in terror cases. Amit Shah has asked Congress president Rahul Gandhi to apologise for remarks made by Congress leaders over saffron terrorism. "I want to ask Rahul 'Baba', your leaders have talked about saffron terrorism...you need to apologise...decide how low you can stoop", he said. Rahul Gandhi must apologise to Hindus for labeling

them "terrorists", he said on 18 April 2018 while slamming the Congress president for "indulging in communal and vote bank politics."

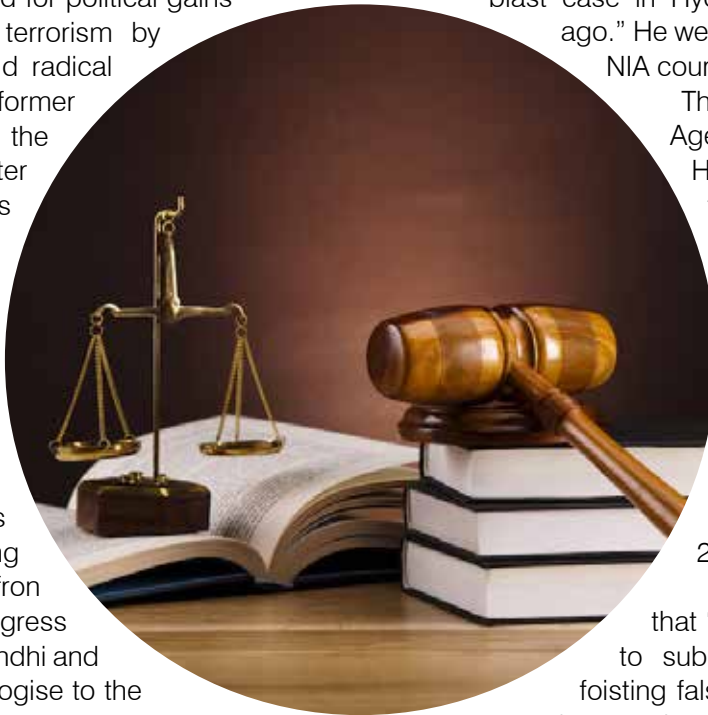
Speaking at a function in Bengaluru Shri Shah said, "In pursuit of vote bank politics, the Congress popularised the phrase 'Hindu Terror' and tried to implicate some Hindu activists in the Meccas Masjid blast case in Hyderabad over a decade ago." He went on to say that "Now an NIA court has acquitted them."

The National Investigation Agency or NIA court in Hyderabad acquitted all five "Hindu activists" on 16 April 2018. This included Swamy Aseemanand who was accused of triggering a bomb blast in the mosque that killed nine worshippers near the iconic Charminar in Hyderabad on May 18, 2007.

Shri Shah also alleged that "The Congress also tried to substantiate its charge by foisting false cases against Hindus and pressuring investigating agencies to implicate them in the blast case."

"Congress leaders, including P. Chidambaram, Sushil Kumar Shinde and Digvijay Singh carried out 'Hindu Terror' campaigns and tried to defame Hindus both within, and outside the country in order to appease a section of society," he said.

He went on to say that the court verdict which acquitted all the accused, "exposed the Congress party and its leaders." He went on to say that "If the Congress does not apologise even now, then people



will definitely punish them.”

Elaborating his statement, Shri Shah said “The people of Karnataka are waiting to punish the Congress in the May 12 state assembly elections.”

Speaking about Rahul Gandhi in the context of the Hyderabad blasts, Shri Shah recalled a conversation in which Rahul Gandhi told then US envoy Timothy Roemer in 2009 that “Hindu Terror” was something to be more worried about than even Pakistan’s terror outfit Laskar-e-Taiba. Rahul Gandhi had made this remark to the US envoy nearly a year after LeT had carried out the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack.

Mr Roemer mentioned Rahul Gandhi’s remark in his report to the US State Department on August 3, 2009.

Furthering his attack on the Congress, Shri Shah

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said, “Anti-national criminals have had a free run in Karnataka as the ruling Congress regime was soft on them. As many as 24 Hindu activists were allegedly killed in the state over the last two years, but none had been brought to book.”

It is to be noted that all five accused in Mecca Masjid blast case acquitted. A decade after a bomb blast killed nine worshippers at the historic Mecca Masjid in Hyderabad, a NIA court on April 16, 2018 acquitted all the five accused Hindu activists who stood trial. Out of a total of 10 accused named in the case, only five faced trial, as one died while the others are still absconding. Hindu activists Nabakumar Sarkar (alias Swamy Aseemanand), Devender Gupta, Lokesh Sharma, Bharat Mohanlal Rateshwar (alias Bharat Bhai), and Rajender Chowdhary, against whom the charges were framed, were all acquitted.

Congress coined the term, “Saffron Terrorism”

- Though today the Congress denies ever coining terms like ‘saffron’ or ‘Hindu’ terror saying it

was of firm belief that terror cannot be linked to any religion or community, and made it clear its leader Rahul Gandhi or the party never used such phrase. But if the facts are to be taken into account, top Congress leaders have many times used this term to target Hindus in particular and people of the country in general.

- The then Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde on Jan 20, 2013 said, “BJP and the RSS were behind the blasts aboard the Pakistan-bound Samjhauta Express, in Hyderabad’s Mecca Masjid and the Malegaon mosque in Maharashtra. But they blamed the minority community for the crime.” He had claimed that BJP and RSS were promoting “Hindu terrorism”, and had received backing from the party.
- On Aug 25, 2010 the then Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram on Aug 25, 2010 cautioned the chiefs of State police forces, security and intelligence officials against continuing attempts to infiltrate militants into India as well as the recently uncovered phenomenon of “Saffron Terrorism”.
- According to a cable by U.S ambassador to India Timothy Roemer which was released by Wikileaks Dec 17, 2010 Rahul Gandhi feels that “the bigger threat (to India) may be the growth of radicalized Hindu groups, which create religious tensions and political confrontations with the Muslim community.” Mr Roemer mentioned Rahul Gandhi’s remark in his report to the US State Department on August 3, 2009.
- In 2013, senior Congress leader Digvijay Singh, while addressing a Congress ‘Mahasammelan’ at Kukshi about 110 kilometres from Dhar, had said: “I have no hesitation in saying that all Hindu terrorists who have been caught have links with the RSS but it must be explained as to why all of them had links with the outfit.”

The Congress and its allies should understand that for political gains the image of this great nation cannot be tarnished and values and ethos of national culture and civilization cannot be undermined. It was a criminal act to implicate and torture so many innocent people at the altar of manufacturing the myth of ‘Saffron Terror’, which has now backfired with the acquittal of all the innocents. As the myth of ‘Saffron Terror’ or ‘Hindu Terror’ stands exposed, the Congress must immediately apologise. ■

SAVING THE CONSTITUTION OR SAVING DYNASTY?

 **AMIT SHAH**

The Congress Party has yet again taken the only path it knows very well- of spreading hate and divisions in our society. Mr. Rahul Gandhi and his party should stop their theatrics and aggression at the earliest. It is becoming increasingly clear that their Modi hatred is fast turning into India hatred. Blinded by disdain for the Prime Minister, they are using the choicest of words and phrases to show India in bad light.

The Congress Party's 'Save the Constitution' campaign is both ironical and comical. In the history of post-1947 India, if there is one political party that has trampled over the Constitution in letter and spirit, time and again, it is the Congress Party.

Right now, the buzzword for the Congress and their friends is 'impeachment.' The judiciary, which is an institution that is trusted by 125 crore Indians has invited the wrath of Congress and the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty in particular. I will not get into the reasons (which everybody knows) but I will say that this is a part of a larger trend to demonize and weaken every institution that seeks to maintain its individual identity and not kowtow to the Dynasty.

The Army has repeatedly been the Congress' target. During the UPA years a Chief of Army Staff was targeted and the entire Army was dragged into political slugfests.

During the same time, when the country was witnessing a grand awakening against the corruption of the UPA, the Congress began a tirade against the CAG. An institution that must stand as a torchbearer of accountability was not spared just because it brought out uncomfortable truths about the Congress and the dynasty.

In the last four years, when the Congress has been facing defeat after defeat, the party is now training its guns (not the Bofors kind) on the Election Commission. The sanctity of the polling process has been questioned. Never for a minute has the Congress introspected- why is it that the people are rejecting us.

Time changes, the context changes but the means as well as the ends remain the same- discredit any institution that comes in the way of furthering the rule of the Dynasty.

The night of 25th June 1975 is unforgettable in the

annals of history. That time, the entire Constitution was hijacked and held hostage to the whims and fancies of one leader. Even that assault on our Constitutional democracy came in the wake of our challenging the malpractices of no less than Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.



Congress' commitment, or lack of it, towards our democracy is also seen in the ways the party has used Article 356 since Independence. In 1957, when Pandit Nehru was the Prime Minister and Mrs. Indira Gandhi the Congress President, the Communist Government in Kerala was dismissed. From the Telugu Desam Party to the Socialists to the Akali Dal, no party has escaped this insult. Just because the Congress did not like a non-Congress government, it was dismissed and their leaders hounded.

When Mr. Rahul Gandhi says Congress made the Constitution, he is continuing his family legacy of humiliating Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

The indisputable fact is- apart from the Constitution, the Congress also has a disdain for the maker of the Constitution, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. No wonder they have made every effort to deviate from the Constitution given by respected Babasaheb. It is well known how Pandit Nehru personally ensured the defeat of Dr. Ambedkar in not one but two elections.

It is also no coincidence that in 1997, the year Mrs. Sonia Gandhi took primary membership of the Congress the Congress-Third Front Government took away promotional benefits of SC/ST employees! It was the Vajpayee Government that amended Article 16(4A) of the Constitution and ensured justice to SC/ST employees. Congress party represents all forms of corruption that are prevalent in our society.

Those who do not trust the Army, the Judiciary, the Supreme Court, the Election Commission, EVMs, the RBI are now saying 'democracy is in danger!'

India has a vibrant democracy and a vibrant Constitution. The Congress' 'Save the Constitution' campaign is nothing but a farce that seeks to perpetuate the rule of dynasty over the rule of democracy! Like in the past, we need to protect the Constitution from the Congress. ■

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“Congress dividing the people over caste, creed and religion”



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah accused the Congress of dividing the nation and the society as he staged a sit-in at Hubballi near Dharwad city on 12 April, 2018 to protest the recent washout of the budget session of parliament. He also said “The BJP does not need to prove anything to the Congress. The people of the country trust the party and its leaders will keep that trust by serving them”.

He said the protest was being held in the entire nation to save democracy.

Shri Shah, on the sixth round of his campaigning in poll-bound Karnataka, was joined by BJP’s Chief Ministerial candidate Shri B S Yeddyurappa, former Chief Minister Shri Jagadish Shettar, MPs Shri Prahlad Joshi and Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar and other senior party functionaries.

Charging the Congress with dividing the people

over caste, creed and religion, the BJP President said the ruling party in Karnataka will stoop to any level to retain power but will not succeed this time. “Though the Congress stoops to any level to retain power, the people who could see through its ploy will teach a lesson in the May 12 state assembly elections and bring the BJP to power again,” he said.

Terming parliament as the temple of democracy and biggest panchayat in democracy, he said that because of the stand taken by the Congress and its president Rahul Gandhi, the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha could not function.

Launching a scathing attack on the Congress, he said the logjam in Parliament for 22 days led to a loss of Rs. 250 crore. “Usually the government runs away from a debate, but here the opposition was unwilling to discuss important issues,” he said.

The BJP National President said the government was ready for a discussion but the opposition ran away from it, because “the Congress did not have the guts to discuss issues”. “We said we are ready to discuss the (Punjab National Bank) issue as none of our leaders or ministers was involved in it,” he said.

Shri Shah said, “If the list of your (Congress) leaders involved in scams was to be brought out, the Congress would be empty”.

He said while running away from discussion, the Congress later got notices of no-confidence motion through smaller parties. We said we are ready to even discuss the no-confidence motion (if it was brought), because their no-confidence could not have done anything as the people of this country have confidence in Shri Narendra Modi,” he said.

Alleging that the Congress did not believe in democracy, he said, “Rahul baba is going around everywhere speaking about democracy. It looks like some NGO has handed over to him the word democracy.” “Rahul baba, go through your party’s history,” he said, recalling the Emergency under “his grandmother Indira Gandhi”.

“You come and preach us about democracy, while you had kept democracy imprisoned inside your home,” he said, as he launched a sharp attack on the Congress. “Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi....., (after that) we don’t know which Gandhi next. Doesn’t anyone else have credibility in this country,” he said.

Shri Amit Shah said that there was no internal democracy in the Congress party. “The Congress cannot protect democracy in this country,” he said.

Asserting that the people clearly understood the Congress and its tactics, he listed out the states where BJP has gained after the 2014 parliamentary election win.

“It is Karnataka’s turn now. The people of the state have made up their mind to form a BJP government under the leadership of Yeddyurappa (in the May 12 polls),” he said.

Shri Shah told Gandhi that the kind of politics which attempts to divide the society, shut the voice of democracy, and not allow the Houses to function, would not continue for long.

Shri Amit Shah said, “You may be thinking where will the BJP speak by not allowing the Lok Sabha and

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the Rajya Sabha to function. We have come directly to the people as in democracy the people are supreme. We have come to the people’s court”.

Stating that the people would teach a lesson to the Congress for following the “politics of divisiveness” by “slitting the throat of democracy,” Shri Shah said the first opportunity for it would come in Karnataka.

Terming the Siddaramaiah government as the most corrupt in the country, the Bharatiya Janata Party President said the ruling party had become an ATM (any time money) for its high command in Delhi.

Blaming the Congress of fanning hatred in the country and playing divisive politics, Shri Amit Shah said the wise people understood its sinister tactics and defeated its candidates in state after state since 2014. “It’s turn of the Karnataka people to free the state from the Congress and time up for (Chief Minister) Siddaramaiah to go home,” he said.

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Earlier in the day, Shri Shah visited Siddharoodha mutt at Hubballi and took blessings of its seer Paramarooda for the party’s victory at the hustings. He also visited the memorial of Kannada poet Da Ra Bendre at Dharwad.

Addressing the gathering BJP State President Shri BS Yeddyurappa said, “As the Congress is a broken house and confused, I am confident of our party coming back to power with majority in the state,” he asserted on the occasion. ■

BJP Sweeps Municipal Corporations and Civic Body Elections in Jharkhand

The ruling BJP swept all the five Municipal Corporations for the posts of Mayor and deputy Mayor in Jharkhand on April 21, 2018 for which polls were held on party lines for the first time on 16 April, 2018.

The BJP also registered an impressive victory in the Jharkhand civic elections, winning 21 out of 34 local bodies.

The most significant aspect of the BJP's performance is the fact that the party won mayoral and deputy mayoral posts in all five municipal corporations - Ranchi, Hazaribagh, Giridih, Adityapur and Medininagar.

While Asha Lakra won the Mayor's post for the Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Sanjiv Vijayavergiya won the deputy Mayor's post, State Election Commissioner told in a press conference after counting of the votes of April 16 elections.

While Ms Lakra defeated Jharkhand Mukti Morcha's Varsha Gaadi, Vijayavergiya trounced Congress's Rajesh Kumar Gupta.

Roshni Tirkey won the Mayor's post for Hazaribagh Municipal Corporation defeating Gunja Devi of the Congress and Raj Kumar Lal won the Deputy Mayor's post beating Anand Dev of Congress.

For Giridih, Sunil Kumar Paswan won the Mayoral

post beating Congress's Samir Raj Choudhary while Prakash Ram won the Deputy Mayor's post beating Mohammad Istiak of the



Mayor's post defeating Manoj Mahto of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha. For Medininagar Municipal Corporation, Aruna Shankar defeated independent candidate Punam Singh to win the Mayor's post, Rakesh Kumar Singh defeated Congress's Manoj Singh for the post of Deputy Mayor. For Adityapur Municipal Corporation, Vinod Srivastav defeated Congress's Yogendra Sharma for the post of Mayor while Amit Singh won Deputy Mayor's post defeating



After the announcement of results an elated Chief Minister Shri Raghubar Das said it is the victory of politics of development of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. "The people of the country have enormous faith in the leadership of the Prime Minister," CM Shri Das said.

the State Election Commissioner said, "It was a challenge for us to hold the Municipal Corporation elections on party lines as it was held on party lines for the first time in Jharkhand". However, with the cooperation of the state government elections were held in a peaceful, fair and transparent manner with the cooperation of the district electoral officers". ■

UNION CABINET APPROVES ORDINANCE FOR DEATH PENALTY FOR RAPE OF CHILDREN



The Union Cabinet headed by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 21 April, 2018 approved an ordinance to allow courts to pronounce the death penalty to those convicted of raping children up to 12 years of age.

The criminal law amendment ordinance seeks to amend the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Evidence Act, the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act to introduce a new provision to sentence convicts of such crimes to death.

The ordinance approved by the Cabinet also prescribes the minimum punishment in case of rape of women to increase from rigorous imprisonment of 7 years to 10 years, extendable to life imprisonment. In case of rape of a girl under 16 years, minimum punishment has been increased from 10 years to 20 years, extendable to imprisonment for rest of life, which means imprisonment till that person's natural life.

For speedy trial of rape cases, new fast track courts will be set up in consultation with States/UTs and High Courts.

The ordinance also prescribes that there will be no provision for anticipatory bail for a person accused of rape or gang rape of a girl under 16 years.

The ordinance is being initiated to enforce the

amendment immediately before a bill is introduced and passed by Parliament. The ordinance would be now sent to the President for his approval.

Existing provisions of the POCSO Act provide for life imprisonment, though after 2012 the Centre had introduced the death penalty in cases where a woman either dies or is left in a vegetative state after rape.

IMPORTANT POINTS

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PRESIDENT OF INDIA GIVES ASSENT TO THE “FUGITIVE ECONOMIC OFFENDERS ORDINANCE, 2018”

Fugitive Economic Offenders Ordinance, 2018 has come into force on 22 April, 2018 as the President of India has given his assent to the Union Cabinet's decision to promulgate the said Ordinance. Earlier, the Union Cabinet, in its meeting held on 21st April, 2018, had decided to approve the proposal of the Ministry of Finance to promulgate the Fugitive Economic Offenders Ordinance, 2018.

Fugitive Economic Offenders Ordinance, 2018 (“the Ordinance”) lays down the measures to empower Indian authorities to attach and confiscate proceeds of crime associated with economic offenders and the properties of the economic offenders and thereby deter economic offenders from evading the process of Indian law by remaining outside the jurisdiction of Indian courts.

The need for the Ordinance has arisen as there have been instances of economic offenders fleeing the jurisdiction of Indian courts, anticipating the

provisions in law are not entirely adequate to deal with the severity of the problem. In view of the above context, a Budget announcement was made by the Government in the Budget 2017-18 that the Government was considering to introduce legislative changes or even a new law to confiscate the assets of such absconders till they submit to the jurisdiction of the appropriate legal forum. Pursuant to the above announcement, the Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018 was introduced in Lok Sabha on the 12th March, 2018. The Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018 was listed for consideration and passing in Lok Sabha on many occasions after its introduction. The Lok Sabha has since been adjourned sine die and both the Houses of Parliament were prorogued on 6th April, 2018.

In order to address the deficiency in the present laws and lay down measures to deter economic offenders from evading the process of Indian law by remaining outside the jurisdiction of Indian courts, the Ordinance

The Fugitive Offender Bill 2018



commencement, or during the pendency, of criminal proceedings. The absence of such offenders from Indian courts has several deleterious consequences - first, it hampers investigation in criminal cases; second, it wastes precious time of courts of law, third, it undermines the rule of law in India. The existing civil and criminal

is being proposed. The Ordinance makes provisions for a Court (“Special Court” under the Prevention of Money-laundering Act, 2002) to declare a person as a Fugitive Economic Offender. A Fugitive Economic Offender is a person against whom an arrest warrant has been issued in respect of a scheduled offence and

who has left India so as to avoid criminal prosecution, or being abroad, refuses to return to India to face criminal prosecution. A scheduled offence refers to a list of economic offences contained in the Schedule to this Ordinance. Further, in order to ensure that Courts are not over-burdened with such cases, only those cases where the total value involved in such offences is 100 crore rupees or more, is within the purview of this Ordinance.

The Fugitive Economic Offenders Ordinance, 2018, inter alia provides for:

- (i) Making an application before the Special Court for a declaration that an individual is a fugitive economic offender;
- (ii) Attachment of the property of a fugitive economic offender and proceeds of crime;
- (iii) Issue of a notice by the Special Court to the individual alleged to be a fugitive economic offender;
- (iv) Confiscation of the property of an individual declared as a fugitive economic offender or even the proceeds of crime;
- (v) Disentitlement of the fugitive economic offender from defending any civil claim; and
- (vi) Appointment of an Administrator to manage and dispose of the confiscated property under the Act.

If at any point of time in the course of the proceeding prior to the declaration, however, the alleged Fugitive

Economic Offender returns to India and submits to the appropriate jurisdictional Court, proceedings under the proposed Act would cease by law. All necessary constitutional safeguards in terms of providing hearing to the person through counsel, allowing him time to file a reply, serving notice of summons to him, whether in India or abroad and appeal to the High Court have been provided for.

Major impact: It is expected that a special forum to be created for expeditious confiscation of the proceeds of crime, in India or abroad, would coerce the fugitive to return to India to submit to the jurisdiction of Courts in India to face the law in respect of scheduled offences.

Since the proposed law would utilize the existing infrastructure of the Special Courts constituted under the Prevention of Money-laundering Act, 2002 and the threshold of scheduled offence is high at Rs. 100 crores or more, no additional expenditure is expected on the enactment of the Bill.

No. of Beneficiaries: The Bill is expected to re-establish the Rule Of Law with respect to the Fugitive Economic Offenders as they would be forced to return to India to face trial for scheduled offences. This would also help the banks and other financial institutions to achieve higher recovery from financial defaults committed by such fugitive economic offenders, improving the financial health of such institutions. ■

1.25 Lakh Bio-Toilets installed in Train Coaches

Indian Railways has provided about 1,25,000 bio-toilets in its coaches till March 2018. This covers about 60% of coaching fleet of Indian Railways. During 2017-18, IR has installed highest ever bio-toilets in coaches which is 40% higher than the set target of 40,000 bio-toilets and 64% higher than the fitment of 34134 bio-toilets in 2016-17.

Presently, Indian Railways have commissioned and operating 27 sections as Green Corridors. All the trains plying on these sections are running with all the coaches equipped with bio-toilets. Thus, there is no direct discharge of human waste from the trains running on these Green Corridors.

The technology for Bio-toilets has been innovated, designed and is 'Made in India'. It has been developed jointly by Indian Railways' Engineers & DRDO's scientists. It is one example where the technology developed for defence applications has been utilised for civilian purpose. Adaption and large scale deployment of the technology has been facilitated by collaboration between DRDO, RDSO and the field units of Indian Railways.

As per estimation, approx. 4,000 MT of human waste is discharged from train coaches every day. With the proliferation of bio-toilets in 60% coaches commensurate human discharge in open, has been eliminated. ■

Is this Nationalism?

I PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA

Glancing through press cutting I came across a news item in the national Herald of 27 March, 1962, reporting a speech of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia at Allahabad. In this speech Dr. Lohia stressed the need of communal harmony and is further reported to have said that he would not like to enter into a controversy whether the Jana Sangh was a communal body or not, but he was sure that the Jana Sangh by its policies and activities was widening the gulf between Hindus and Muslims. The report as published does not elaborate the point and I do not know whether Dr. Lohia actually explained to the audience the basis of his charge against the Jana Sangh. In the absence of specific instances the criticism uncalled for and would not befit a leader like Dr. Lohia, who I feel would not parrot-like repeat catch-phrases used by Pandit Nehru and the comrades. Till now, he had been accusing Jana Sangh, for not championing the cause of Hindi as fanatically as he does, and for not expressly insisting on the river Brahmaputra as the boundary between India and Tibet. But this time he has harped on a hackneyed and propagandist tune.

It may be that his whole speech was addressed to some of his no so liberal followers who had taken exception to his remarks make in a published letter appreciating the thoughtful sober and dynamic leadership of Sri Nana Deshmukh who had earlier met him and seemed to have impressed him.

Lohia's Suggestion Despite the fact that Dr. Lohia had been insisting on the acceptance of the fact of common ancestry and common history by all people of India it seems basically he has not been able to get rid of the erroneous outlook on the Muslim problem followed by the congress during the last four decades.

Referring to the establishment of Akhand Bharat, Dr. Lohia proposed in the course of his speech that if the people of India wanted to attract their Muslim brethren in Pakistan there must be an amendment in the constitution making it obligatory that either the President or the Prime Minister of India should be a Muslim.

This proposal betrays a lack of appreciation of the intrinsic unity of Bharat and its people, Akhand Bharat

is more a cultural concept than territorial. It is true that the achievement of this ideal is only possible through the unity of hearts of the people of India. But unity is never created or promoted by political patchwork. Unity manifests itself in equality. No section of the society can demand a price for unity and if it degenerates into such an attitude, no price can inculcate a feeling of oneness in that section. The moment you think in terms of winning communities on the basis of paying them price in form of political power, you sow the seeds of separation. The history of the last forty years bears ample testimony to the fact. In order to induce the Muslims into identifying themselves with the nation and its goal of freedom all sorts of "cheques" were offered, but we did not succeed. The motive of the Congress leaders was not bad. But they fell into the trap of the Britishers, while to the Hindu they appealed purely in the name of national independence; they qualified their appeal to the Muslim with a number of guarantees and conditions, which did not discriminate against, but for the Muslims.

But it was discrimination all the same. It failed to enthuse the Muslims. After all there is difference between a patriot and businessman. The Congress never recognized the patriot in the Muslim but only a businessman bargaining for political power. On the other hand Jinnah formulated a new theory of nationhood. However fantastic it might have been, it filled the Muslim mass with zeal and zest for the League's ideal of Pakistan.

Jinnah did not recognise sectarian differences amongst the Muslims. If Dr. Lohia were in his place, it would have been made obligatory perhaps to have Shia or a Sunni either as the President or the Prime Minister of Pakistan, but no, Jinnah did not bother about these things. He did not even tell the people what sort of a State Pakistan would be and what would be the relationship between different units of Pakistan. He talked to them as Muslims, and the Congress also talked to them as Muslim. While Jinnah attempted to 'elevate' Muslims to the position of a 'nation', Congress approach sought to make of them simply a minority. There was in this attitude an air of condescension, a spirit of patronisation. In practice it amounted to a policy of appeasement. It was certainly not equality.

IS THIS NATIONALISM?

Even today to common variety of nationalism thinks in these terms. National integration has come to mean some solution of the jig saw puzzle to which the people of India have been reduced by the sectarian and communal politics of the last forty years.

Dr. Lohia wants constitutional provision for reserving either the President's or the Prime Minister Minister's post for a Muslim. But what about other religious sects? The Christians, Parsis and Jews are there. And even within the narrower and limited connotation of the word Hindu there are a number of sects. Will they not all demand reservation? And this will mean tearing after thread by thread the national texture so exquisitely woven in the course of centuries past.

We do not know about it but some people have definitely been interpreting and the whole thing is capable

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of creating such an impression as if the choice of Congress nominees to the various top posts has been determined by communal consideration. The Hindu President is to be counterbalanced by a Muslim Vice President, a Christian Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha and a Sikh Speaker of the Lok Sabha. To complete the circle, as it were, the opposition parties have nominated the Speakership. But can the circle be thus complete?

The Jana Sangh is opposed to this idea; offices should go by merit and not by Religion. To take religion into consideration will be imitating Pakistan. Pakistan has a constitution under which only a Muslim can become Head of the state. Non Muslims are second rate citizens there. In India we have a constitution where religion entails no

bar to any office. Let us follow it in spirit and letter both, if we want further forces of national integration. The Jana Sangh decided to support Sri Zakir Hussain for the Vice President or Sri Hakim Singh for the Speakership of the Lok Sabha not because of their denominational attachments but because of their merit. If however, the Congress intends to institutionalise communalism by apportioning different offices on a sectional basis, it will be extremely wrong. The Jana Sangh will definitely oppose any such move.

VESTED INTERESTS BEFOUL THE ATMOSPHERES

It may be that because of Jana Sangh's clear cut enunciation of this pure and simple nationalism and insistence on it, some people who have developed a vested interest in Muslim separatism feel enraged and so raise a hue and cry. These are the people who paint Jana Sangh as anti Muslim not because it is really so but because it suits these politicians to keep up such a scare. Let us, however, not be afraid of the false alarm. The Jana Sangh is no widening the gulf but taking measures to see that not gulf remains.

Dr. Lohia's love of Hindi is not liked by those who have a vested interest in English. And they try to twist the whole issue as one between the north and the south. Should we on that account say that the policies pursued by Dr. Lohia are widening the gulf between the North and the South?

In politics, decisions at times are taken on pragmatic grounds, but there is tendency to theorize and generalise the decisions either to lend them a hallow or to denounce them. However, there is a necessity of observing certain rules of the game in this respect. If we want to end communalism let us avoid communal generalization unless unimpeachable facts force such a conclusion.

I will take an example pertaining to the Socialist party. Sri Tatar had been a member of the UP legislative council on a socialist ticket. This time he was not given a ticket. Should we conclude that he was not given a ticket because he was Muslim and that the policy of the Socialist party which six years ago preferred a Muslim for this seat has undergone a change? I do not think any such conclusion will be right.

If, therefore, we want to end communalism let politicians cease to talk of Muslims, Christians, Parsis, Jains, Sikhs, Arya Samajis or Lingyats. Let this task be reserved for the head of different religious sects. If we do not like the clergy, the Granthi and the Maulvi to dabble into politics let us also forgo the temptation of intruding into these sacred precincts.. ■

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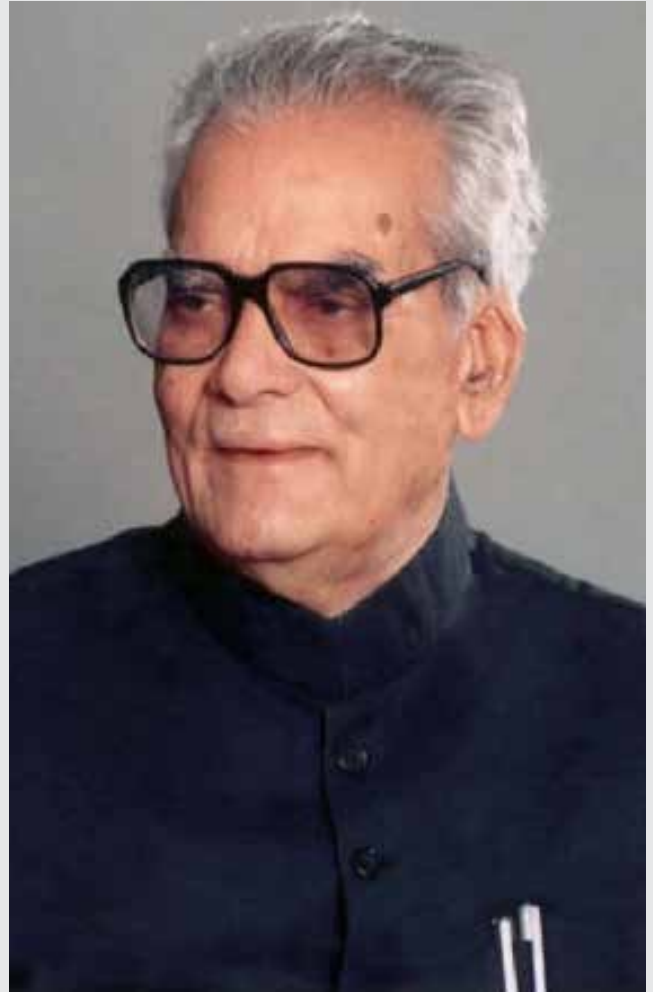
'Babosa' Bhairon Singh Shekhawat

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In 1972 elections he lost but in 1973 he was elected to Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh. In 1975 during emergency he was arrested and sent to Rohtak jail. When Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat was Chief Minister, he started the "Antyodaya Yojna"

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scheme, which was intended to uplift the poorest of the poor. The chairman of the World Bank, Robert McNamara, referred to him as the Rockefeller of India. Shekhawat was also known for his control over bureaucracy and the police.

He had contributed immensely in policies designed to improve literacy and industrialisation in Rajasthan, as well as tourism centered on the themes of heritage, wildlife and villages.

He was also lauded by both, national and international leaders for his historic conduct of the Rajya Sabha. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat passed away on 15 May 2010. ■

Babasaheb showed path of democracy to country: PM



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the “Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial (DANM)” at 26, Alipore Road, Delhi at the place of Mahaparinirvana of Dr. Ambedkar on April 13. The memorial is dedicated to the life and contributions of Dr. Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Constitution of India. The Foundation stone of DANM was laid by the Prime Minister on 21st March, 2016.

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot; Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Dr Harsh Vardhan; Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan; Ministers of State for Social

Justice and Empowerment Shri Ramdas Athawale and Shri Vijay Sampla; and Secretary of M/o Social Justice and Empowerment Smt Latha Krishna Rao were present on the occasion.

Addressing on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that he feels proud to be at the inauguration of Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial and it is a tribute to Baba Saheb. He congratulated Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and other departments for completing the memorial in time. He said that now onwards 26, Alipur Road, Delhi has become a landmark not only in Delhi but also in our country. People will visit this memorial to know about the life and ideals of Baba Saheb. This memorial has been given the shape of a book because Baba Saheb

was the brain behind the drafting of the Constitution of India. He showed the path of democracy to the largest democratic country of the world. He said that his government declared five sites related to Baba Saheb as Panchtirth, which include Mhow (Madhya Pradesh); Deeksha Bhoomi in Nagpur (Maharashtra); Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Home in London; Mahaparinirvan Bhoomi in Alipur Road (Delhi); and Chaitya Bhoomi in Mumbai (Maharashtra).

Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, in his address, said that the Government has taken many new initiatives during past four years as a tribute to the Father of the Indian Constitution. 100 research students were sent to London School of Economics, London (UK) and Columbia University (USA) on a study tour, where Dr. Ambedkar had studied. He said that the government is committed to the welfare of the weaker sections.

Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was born on 14th April 1891 at Mhow in Madhya Pradesh and was the First Law Minister of Independent India. After resigning from the Union Cabinet on 1st November 1951, Dr. Ambedkar started residing in the house of Maharaja of Sirohi at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi where he breathed his last and attained Mahaparinirvana on 6th December 1956. In the memory of Dr. Ambedkar, Dr. Ambedkar Mahaparinirvana Sthal, 26, Alipur Road was dedicated to the Nation by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the then Prime Minister of India on 2nd December, 2003. The followers of Baba Saheb believe 26, Alipur Road as Holy place where he attained Mahaparinirvana. Since this building was to be constructed as a Memorial of Baba Saheb, who was the brain behind the Constitution of India, hence, the building has been given the shape of a book.

In his speech during the inauguration ceremony, Shri Narendra Modi said, "Many governments came to power after independence but what should have been done much before has happened now, after decades. This memorial is a tribute to Baba Saheb Ambedkar." He added, "After Atal Ji's government, when Congress came to power, they closed the files related to this project, when we were given a chance to serve people in 2014 we dug out the files and worked on it." "Baba Saheb would not have imagined that after independence, a government with a working culture of 'latkana, atkana & bhatkana' will come to power. Our government is doing the due work to

overcome decades of imbalance in our country," said the Prime Minister.

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building in the country with façade of open book which reflects the constitution of Indian. The memorial has an advanced museum, in which the life and works of B.R. Ambedkar are shown through modern technology. The building has an exhibition area, memorial, meditation hall with the Buddha Statue, 12 feet height bronze statue of Dr. Ambedkar among others. Ashoka Pillar (11 m) at Entrance Plaza and Meditation Hall at Back side has been constructed. There exists Sewerage Treatment Plant (30 KLD), Rain Water Harvesting System and roof top solar energy (50 kw) with net metering. The building stands in plot area of 7374 sq meter and a total built up area of 6758 sq meter. ■

Siddaramaiah done nothing to solve the agrarian crisis in Karnataka: Amit Shah

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah launched a scathing attack on the Congress and termed the Siddaramaiah-government the "most corrupt". Addressing a huge rally to mark the valedictory of 'Mushti Dhanya Sangraha Abhiyana' at Abbigeri village in Gadag district on 12 April, 2018, he

said more than 3,500 farmers have committed suicide in the last five years in the state. But Siddaramaiah has done nothing to solve the agrarian crisis. Under the Congress regime, development works have come to a halt and corruption has reached new heights, he said. He called upon voters to weed out the inefficient government and vote for the BJP for better days. Terming Siddaramaiah a "duplicate socialist", he raised the issue of his Hublot watch. "If a chief minister wears a wristwatch worth 40 lakh, then what kind of socialist he is and what kind of social justice he will do," he asked.



VISITS LEGENDRY POET BENDRE'S HOUSE

Shri Amit Shah visited Da Ra Bendre Bhavan and paid tributes to the legendry poet by garlanding his photo. He also visited the house where Bendre lived. Later, he visited Murughamath and interacted with Mallikarjun Swamiji. The seer submitted a memorandum to Shri Amit Shah seeking support for a separate religion tag for Lingayats. ■

'Raebareli witnesses dynasty politics since independence'

BJP President Shri Amit Shah on April 21 addressed a public rally in Raebareli, stating that Raebareli has remained deprived of development despite several big Congress leaders being elected from the place.

He said "The people of Raebareli have suffered for a long period of time due to the Congress rule, Shri Shah promised that the BJP's Yogi Adityanath government would work for transforming Raebareli into a model constituency.

"Raebareli has seen dynastic politics till now and it is the BJP that will take it out of Dynasty politics and further take the constituency forward on the path of development. Though the Congress has ruled Uttar Pradesh and Raebareli for six-seven decades, it is the BJP which has taken the responsibility for development of Raebareli," said Shri Shah at the rally titled Parivartan Sankalp. ■





Judge Loya Death Case

THE ONE THAT ALMOST CREATED A JUDICIAL MUTINY

| ARUN JAITLEY

On April 19, I read the 114 page judgement in the Judge Loya death case authored by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud on behalf of the three Judge Bench of the Supreme Court. A reading of the judgement exposes every fact of the conspiracy to generate falsehood as propaganda in the public and political space.

Never ever so blatantly in the past have national political parties, a few retired judges and some senior lawyers so closely identified themselves with the generation of falsehood that they almost come out as conspirators. A detailed analysis of the facts and the role played by some groups is necessary since I suspect such attempts will also be made in the future.

ALLEGED ROLE OF AMIT SHAH IN THE SOHRABUDDIN CASE

Amit Shah had no role in Sohrabuddin Case. It was an alleged encounter executed by some central agencies through the State Police. I had written a detailed letter on September 27, 2013 to the then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh giving out all these facts in detail. The primary piece of evidence sought to be introduced to link Amit Shah with the encounter was that of two persons – Ramanbhai Patel and Dasrathbhai Patel, both noted land grabbers, who had given evidence against Amit Shah. Both claimed that they had gone to Amit Shah's office to meet him to have a Preventive Detention Order under PASA passed against them, withdrawn. He had demanded Rs.75 lakhs from them, which was paid on certain specific dates through one Ajay Patel in instalments.

In the course of this meeting, Amit Shah had made some casual statement on why Sohrabuddin had to be killed.

The alleged evidence was so false is evident from the fact that the visitors register showed the two never visited Amit Shah ever. Secondly, there was never a PASA order against either of the two Patels. Thirdly, some of the dates on which the instalments of Rs.75 lakhs were allegedly paid by Patel were dates on which Ajay Patel's passport shows that he was not in India. On this flimsy evidence any court would have discharged Amit Shah. While granting him bail, the Gujarat High Court had commented that this was actually a case of no prosecutable evidence. It did not matter to Amit Shah as to which Judge heard this flimsy charge against him. Amit Shah was discharged in the case. Some individuals challenged the discharge order before the Mumbai High Court and the Supreme Court. The challenge was rejected. Many of those who raked up the Judge Loya death case were associated against Amit Shah in the Sohrabuddin case.

THE CARAVAN MAGAZINE'S FAKE NEWS

Judge Loya, as the Supreme Court judgement establishes, had a chest pain in the early hours of 1st December, 2014 at Ravi Bhawan, Nagpur. Two other District Judges were with him. They had telephoned two other colleagues from judiciary and thus the four District Judge level officers took Judge Loya to hospital in their car where an ECG was conducted, preliminary treatment was given and the case was referred to a specialized cardiology hospital. By the time he reached the cardiology hospital, probably the condition worsened and he passed away. Efforts were made for revival but the same unfortunately failed.

During the period of his cardiac problem, only four District Judges, the doctors and the medical staff of the two hospitals had access to him. Four High Court Judges arrived at the second hospital, which recommended a post mortem which was conducted by a third hospital and the same indicated a death because of cardiac issues. His body was then accompanied by two Magistrates to his home town. After perusing the statement of all concerned persons and Judge Loya's family members, who accepted

the natural causes of the death, the Supreme Court came to a finding that this conclusively was a death because of natural reasons and there was no suspicious circumstance. The Caravan Magazine stories and investigations are a textbook example of fake news. It was not gossip or rumour mongering but a deliberately generated fake news where falsehood was manufactured to generate a massive public controversy.

THE "INSTITUTION DISRUPTORS"

Most courts in India have a set of crusading lawyers who pick-up causes in public interest and pursue them. That is perfectly acceptable. But over the

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last few years one has witnessed the evolution of these public interest crusaders graduating into "Institution Disruptors". They pick-up even false causes and pursue the falsehood with a sense of deep commitment, indulge in intimidating advocacy, are shrill with their opposing colleagues, are rude and impolite with the judges. They firmly believe that every falsehood that they propound must be accepted as the gospel truth. They have found two strong allies. A section of the media gives them publicity. Simultaneously, we have witnessed the devolution of the Congress from a mainstream party now taking fringe positions. The Party through its lawyers or otherwise, is too willing to identify with

these “Institution Disruptors” and thus intimidation of courts has become the new form of advocacy. A divided court is finding itself helpless to respond to these intimidatory tactics. The judgement indicates that intimidatory tactics were used as an alternative to one sided set of facts in the case. The “Institution Disruptors” have now become spokespersons of the Judge Loya death case falsehood.

THE IMPEACHMENT WEAPON

The impeachment of a Judge of the Supreme Court is to be done only in the case of either his “incapacity” or on “proven misconduct”. The Congress Party and its friends have started using impeachment as a political tool. Impeachment is a process by which you remove the holder of office in order to protect the dignity of an office. The power of impeachment under our Constitution is a part of an inter-institutional accountability. Both Houses of Parliament as political

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houses have been conferred the judicial power of impeachment. Thus a judicial power is exercised by a political house. Each Member has to act as a Judge. He has to independently review the facts and the evidence. Decisions cannot be on party

lines or dictated by Whip. The power is exercised in case of “proven misconduct”. Trivialising the use of that power is a dangerous event. It is not difficult to collect fifty signatures of Rajya Sabha or hundred signatures of Lok Sabha members even on frivolous issues. To use the power as intimidatory tactics when neither you have a case of “proven misconduct” or the numbers on your side, is a serious threat to judicial independence. My preliminary reaction to the impeachment motion filed today is clear. It is a revenge petition after the falsehood of the Congress Party has been established in the Justice Loya death case. It is an attempt to intimidate a Judge and send a message to other Judges, that if you don’t agree with us, fifty MP’s are enough for a revenge action. The charges read out are issues those which have been settled by judicial orders or by precedent. Some issues are stale, trivial and have nothing to do with judicial functions.

A DIVIDED COURT

If intimidatory tactics of “Institution Disruptors” and impeachment motion are threats to judicial independence, the single greatest threat is the divided court itself. Now that the conspiracy of falsehood of the Judge Loya death case stands conclusively established, a few thoughts come to my mind. The four judges of the Supreme Court who held the controversial Press Conference, are all experienced judges and in my view men of high integrity. Had they checked up the facts of Judge Loya case before commenting on it, even though only on a listing issue? Should anyone at all be commenting on a pending case because many comments created an environment of prejudice and even added credibility to utter falsehood as they did in the present case? Is the impeachment motion filed today a direct result of the press conference? Does this impeachment set a precedent that political parties in India will use impeachment as an instrument to intimidate judges hearing controversial matters?

What has happened today is a price the Indian judiciary has to pay for misadventures of many. There is no better time for judicial statesmanship and political foresight. ■

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PM visits Sweden & United Kingdom to enhance India's engagement

ATTENDS INDIA-NORDIC SUMMIT & COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

On April 20 Prime Minister Narendra Modi concluded his 5-day diplomatic visit to Sweden and the United Kingdom. In his first visit to Sweden he met the Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven. Shri Narendra Modi also attended the India-Nordic Summit in Stockholm with the Prime Ministers of Finland, Norway, Denmark and Iceland. During the Summit, the Prime Ministers pledged to deepen cooperation between the Nordic countries and India, and focused their discussions on key issues related to global security, economic growth, innovation and climate change. The Prime Ministers reaffirmed the importance of free trade as a catalyst for achieving inclusive growth and realising the Sustainable Development Goals. Before leaving Stockholm he addressed Indian community in the capital city.

Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Löfven recalled their Joint Statement issued in Mumbai in 2016, welcomed progress so far on its implementation and reconfirmed their commitment to the Joint Statement as the overall political framework for cooperation. Both Prime Ministers agreed to close cooperation in the UN, and other multilateral fora. They took note of the UN Secretary-General's reform efforts to ensure a UN fit to support Member States to deliver on Agenda 2030. They also reaffirmed the need for reform of the UN Security Council, including its expansion, to make it more representative, accountable, effective, and responsive to the realities of the 21st century. Prime Minister Modi thanked Prime Minister Löfven for Sweden's support to India's candidature for non-permanent membership of United Nations Security Council (2021-22) and for Sweden's support to India's permanent membership of a reformed and expanded United Nations Security Council. Prime Minister Löfven welcomed India's recent accession to the international export control regimes, including to Australia Group (AG), Wassenaar Arrangement



(WA), Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), and The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCOB), and expressed support for India's membership of the Nuclear Supplier Group (NSG).

At the invitation of Prime Minister Theresa May, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi reached the United Kingdom (UK) with the theme of 'Living Bridge' as a Guest of Government on 18 April 2018. The two leaders held wide-ranging and constructive discussions on technology Partnership, trade, investment, finance, healthcare, innovation, digitization, electric mobility, clean energy, cyber security etc. and underlined their strategic partnership and growing convergence on regional and international issues. The Same day Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with participants across the globe in Bharat Ki Baat Sabke Saath programme held in London. He also attended the meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government at Buckingham Palace in London. India had got a special invite wherein Prince Charles traveled to India and personally invited Prime Minister Modi for the event. ■

CONGRESS CONSPIRACY EXPOSED IN THE LOYA PIL

Court debunks the PIL misuse

PLOY TO DAMAGE BJP MEETS WITH HUGE SETBACK AS PETITIONERS RELIED ON FABRICATION AND FALSEHOOD

DR. R BALASHANKAR

In the PIL on Justice Loya death, the Supreme Court has explicitly and eloquently exposed the most nefarious and diabolic game being played by the Congress, its allies and a section of the media. Dismissing the PIL, the Court ruled, 'no foul play in Justice Loya's death and that the pleas were bid to hit at judiciary's credibility'. Within hours this section exposed itself further by moving an impeachment motion against the Chief Justice of India, though they have not cited any serious allegation or they have the necessary strength to carry it to its logical conclusion.

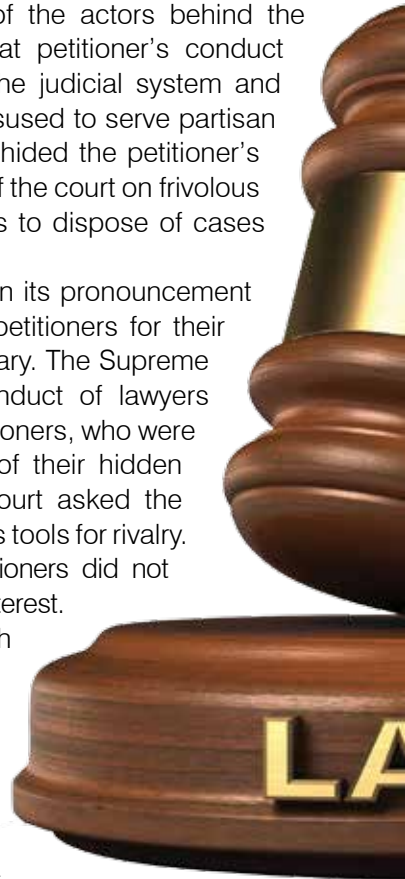
It would seem as if in their frustrated desperation they would go to any length in damaging their own reputation. The bunch headed by the Chief Justice of India observed that there was no ground to hold

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that there was reasonable suspicion about cause or circumstances of Loya's death. It further ruled that the demand for probe meant to mislead the court. In a scathing criticism of the actors behind the PIL, the Judges ruled that petitioner's conduct constituted contempt of the judicial system and that the PILs are being misused to serve partisan political ends. The court chided the petitioner's for wasting valuable time of the court on frivolous issues while the Court has to dispose of cases pending for decades.

Significantly the Court in its pronouncement named and shamed the petitioners for their efforts to scandalize judiciary. The Supreme Court highlighted the conduct of lawyers who appeared for the petitioners, who were clearly acting as agents of their hidden political masters. The Court asked the petitioners not to make PILs tools for rivalry.

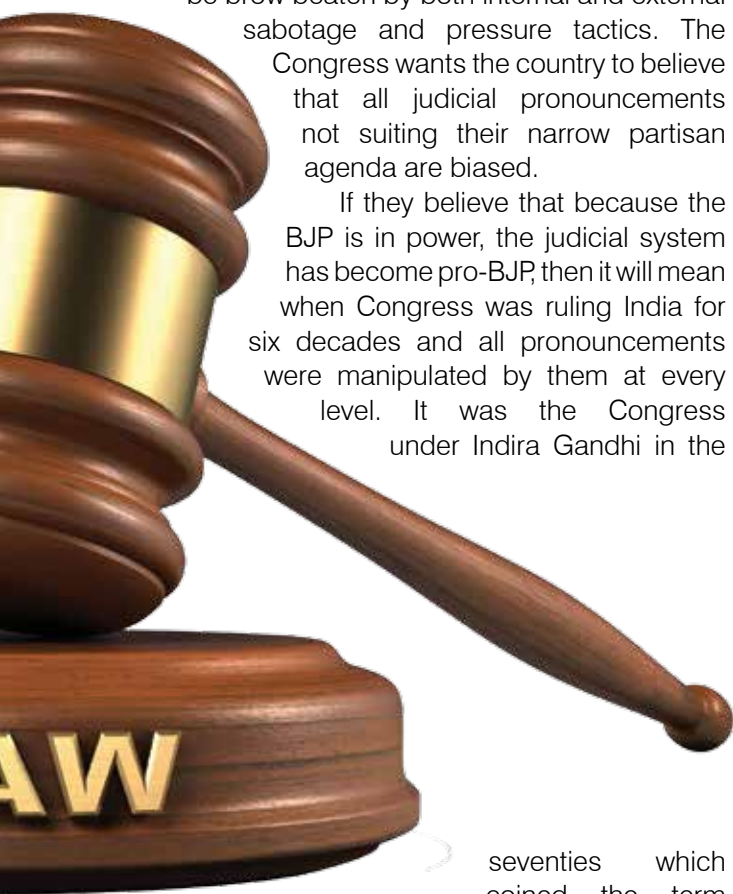
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for BJP the petitioners, (here read as Congress and Commies) wanted to attribute even the natural death of a judge as a conspiracy of the BJP. Based on this premise they hoped to create a chimera of canard to mislead the country in the run up to the polls. The Opposition game was so vicious that without a shred of evidence they are trying to create a smokescreen of suspicion. In this by filing petition after petition, targeting the judiciary when the rulings did not suit their game plan, and trying to intimidate and manipulate through a sustained media campaign.

All this got exposed as the apex court refused to be brow beaten by both internal and external sabotage and pressure tactics. The Congress wants the country to believe that all judicial pronouncements not suiting their narrow partisan agenda are biased.

If they believe that because the BJP is in power, the judicial system has become pro-BJP, then it will mean when Congress was ruling India for six decades and all pronouncements were manipulated by them at every level. It was the Congress under Indira Gandhi in the



seventies which coined the term “Committed Judiciary” in the wake of bank nationalization and Privy Purses judgments which were not in line with the Congress agenda. The decade long tussle with the judiciary resulted in the supersession of four eminent Supreme Court Judges including Justice H R Khanna and Justice K S Hegde. It even retrospectively amended the election rules, amended Constitution to sustain itself in power and

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perpetuate family rule. Now they want judges see things through Congress spectrum.

In the present instance, the apex court categorically ruled that CBI judge Harkrishan Loya died due to heart attack in natural circumstances. Loya was hearing the Sohrabuddin Sheikh encounter case. The bunch headed by CJI Dipak Mishra ruled that all speculations on Loya’s death should now end. In the hard hitting ruling the court pointed to the misuse of PILs for serving political interest. The court was not impressed by the attempts by Advocate Prasant Bhushan to personally manufacture evidences to point to a conspiracy in the death of the CBI Judge. The Advocate wanted the court to believe that the judicial officers who took Justice Loya to hospital were conspirators. Based on evidence the Court ruled it was a natural death.

In fact by hook or crook the Congress and its cohorts wanted to damage the great reputation as a leader and strategist of the BJP Chief Amit Shah. Their commitment was not to find truth or help find circumstances of Justice Loya’s death. They conspired to create suspicion about the death, mislead the public and judiciary and get a fresh, in fact fourth probe ordered into the death so that the issue could be kept alive till 2019 election. The court ruling has thoroughly exposed and shamed them. Now they are after CJI. ■

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PM Shri Narendra Modi at the 'Bharat Ki Baat, Sabke Saath' programme, at Westminster, London.



PM Shri Narendra Modi with the PM of United Kingdom, Ms. Theresa May, at 10 Downing Street, London.



PM Shri Narendra Modi meeting the PM of Sweden, Mr. Stefan Lofven, in Stockholm, Sweden.



PM Shri Narendra Modi being greeted by the Indian Community, at Stockholm, Sweden.



PM Shri Narendra Modi paying tributes to Basaveshwara in London.



PM Shri Narendra Modi along with the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot paying tribute to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar after inaugurating the Ambedkar National Memorial at 26 Alipur Road, Delhi.



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah flanked by BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ramlal and BJP National SC Morcha President Shri Vinod Kumar Sonkar Paying floral tributes to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar on his Jayanti at BJP Head Quarters in New Delhi.