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*All that is served in a well water is better served by a vast lake; similarly all the purpose in all Vedic scriptures are realized to he who knows the Ultimate Truth.*

– (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 46)

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"I sincerely accept that the conditions created by Congress in the country have pushed the common man towards all round deep sense of helplessness, hopelessness and frustration."

-Rajnath Singh

"We want to move ahead with a vision of inclusivity. We should not consider regional aspirations a problem. They were earlier viewed as a burden but regional aspirations can also be viewed as an opportunity."

-Narendra Modi

"The UPA has been in power since 10 years. It inherited a robust economy. NDA left behind an 8.5 percent GDP growth.."

-Arun Jaitley

## Vasant Panchami : February 04, 2014

Vasant Panchami, also known as Saraswati Puja, Shree Panchami is a Hindu festival held on the fifth day of Magha marking the start of spring season. On this day Hindus worship Devi Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge, music, art and culture.

For Sikhs, in the Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar, on the day of Vasant Panchmi, musicians start the music by singing Basant Raga. This practice continues up until the first day of Vaisakh.

Vasant Panchami is the first spring themed festivals in Hindu culture. It initiates the spring festive cycle and heralds its summation that occurs with Holi. The seasonal aspects of the festival are more significant in Northern India due to the sharper contrast between the winter and the spring, however the festival's religious and cultural significance are emphasized across all regions of the country.

In ancient Indian literature, Vasant Panchami is associated with *Shringar Ras* and the festival was celebrated in this tradition. Celebrations today still honor Kamadeva, his wife Rati and his friend Vasant (the personification of spring).

In modern times, however, Vasant Panchami day is more commonly associated with Maa Saraswati, the goddess of learning, wisdom, knowledge, fine arts, refinement, science and technology. People worship Goddess Saraswati to attain enlightenment through knowledge and to rid themselves of lethargy, sluggishness and ignorance.

Vasant Panchami is celebrated every year on the fifth day of the bright half of the Indian month of Magha. It is celebrated as Saraswati Puja primarily over eastern parts of India like Odisha, Bihar & Assam, as Sri Panchami in Bengal and as the Festival of Kites in Punjab and Haryana. ■





## BJP gears up to form a strong and responsible government!

**W**hile the Lok Sabha 2014 elections are nearby, the BJP National Executive and Council meeting held in Delhi become important. How BJP can expand? How the aspirations of the people will be fulfilled? How the party will be able to match the aspirations of the people? All these issues were intensively discussed in the three-day meeting. Along with that the issues related to social, political, economic, national security and internal security were discussed. In this meeting the delegates were informed extensively about 'One Vote - One Note', Mission 272+' and 'Modi for PM' campaigns. Along with these how to reach people through social media too was discussed.

Inaugurating the National Executive meeting BJP National President said that the UPA government has completely become paralysed. People will throw away UPA government in the coming general elections. In spite of all its tactics and efforts there is heavy anger against Congress misrule, indecisiveness and corruption. Congress had to face people's ire in recently held elections. While guiding the karyakartas he said BJP activists will teach a lesson to the people trying to bring in weak government in the country and leave no stone unturned for 'Mission 2014'. While he informed the delegates about the challenges before the country he also attacked the UPA strongly for its failures. He also spoke frankly on how to expand party and how to strengthen coalition.

On Sonia Gandhi's statement that BJP is communal, Shri Rajnath Singh said that she was trying to confuse the people. He said that PM Dr. Manmohan Singh had said that Muslims have the first right on the resources of the country. In army counting on communal basis was attempted. Congress leaders tried to divide by levelling allegations about Hindu terrorism. Therefore Congress is the biggest communal party in the country.

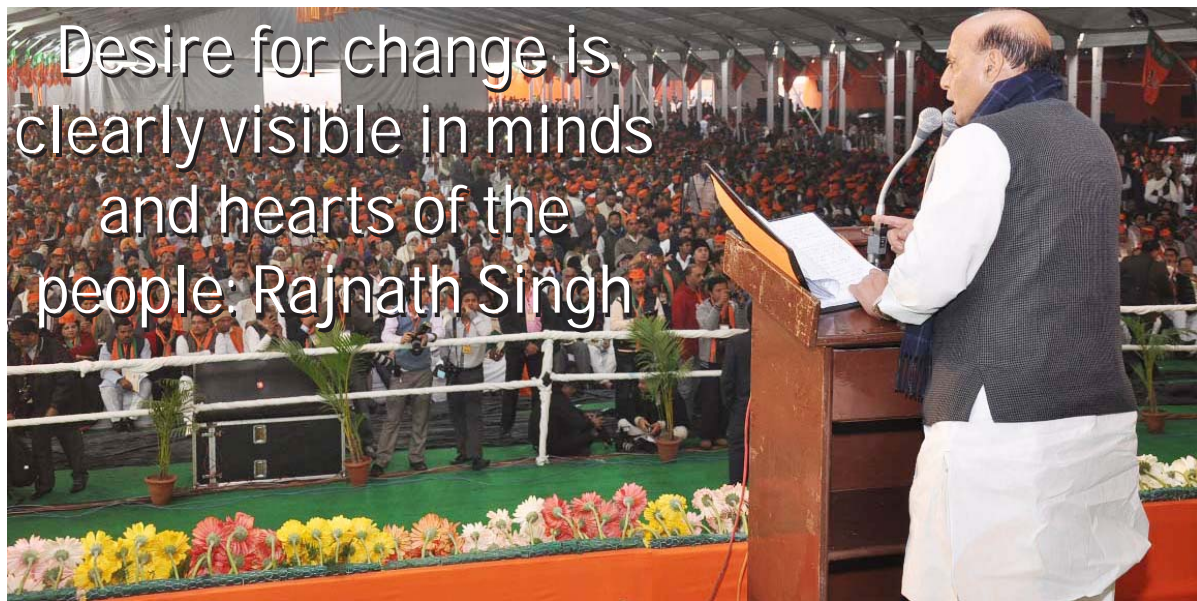
The BJP Prime Ministerial candidate while delivering his speech presented his 'rainbow' agenda. Shri Modi said that India is like a rainbow in which family system, agriculture, women, water-forest-land, youth power, democracy and knowledge is present. Development can take place only when there is balance between all these but the UPA government has put everything on stake. If BJP forms the government, this rainbow will be made more colourful.

BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri LK Advani, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitle and former BJP Presidents Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu and Shri Nitin Gadkari also presented their views.

In this important meeting a message has gone to BJP karyakartas that it is not the time to rest but to move ahead and work hard.

Congress led UPA govt. has failed on all fronts. In the last decade, inflation, corruption, loan and unemployment have been on rise. While people are under heavy burden the responsibility of BJP has increased. It has to provide a strong and responsible government so the problems of people are addressed.

On the one side while this meeting has created an environment of enthusiasm in the entire country, BJP karyakartas are brimming with zeal and confidence. Now it is the responsibility of BJP Karyakartas to take the message of this meeting to every home. Let's pledge to make strong, vibrant and prosperous India by committing ourselves with full dedication. ■



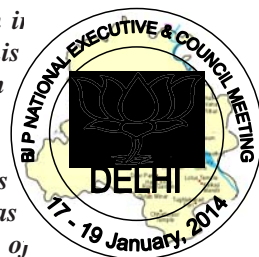
*Addressing the National Executive and Council Meeting at Ramlila Maidan in New Delhi on 18 January, 2014, BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh in his stirring address said that the restlessness for change of guard is clearly visible in these currents. The desire for this change can be seen in the minds and hearts of the people of my country. These aspirations for change are not merely for the change in the government, but also against the despair caused by crushing the people's dreams and hopes on the credibility of India, constitutional system and economy as well. Congratulating everybody who played a vital role for the emphatic victory of Bharatiya Janata Party in the recently concluded assembly elections in four states, he said,*

*"We not only succeeded in coming back to power in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh for the third consecutive term, but also got a thumping majority in Rajasthan against the misrule and mal-governance of the Congress there. He said this is historic in itself about which each BJP worker could be proud of".*

*Highlighting the all-round deterioration in the political, economic and social lives in the country, he said a sense of uncertainty and unease prevail everywhere during the reign of Congress led UPA government at the centre. Shri Rajnath Singh said the Congress has created problems, but we have the responsibility to save democracy from the frustration, hopelessness and disappointment through which Indian democracy is passing today. India has all the potential to become a prosperous, capable and strong nation in the world. It is our responsibility to realize this potential. Finally asking the Karyakartas to work tirelessly, the BJP National President said," Year 2014 is an extraordinary year. This year will not only bring a change in government but it will also impact the coming generations of our country as it will set the future course of a new contemporary India. The bugle has been sounded. There is no scope for confusion or time to rest".*

*We are publishing the excerpts of the Presidential speech for our esteemed readers:*

*The full text of the Presidential Speech is being published separately in a booklet.*



**W**e met in the same city of Delhi almost 10 months ago when the last National Council meeting was held here. Much water has flown down the Ganges since then. The restlessness for change is clearly visible in these currents. The desire for this change can be seen in the minds and hearts of the people of my country. These aspirations for change

are not merely for the change in the government, but also against the despair caused by crushing the people's dreams and hopes on the credibility of India, constitutional system and economy as well.

The people of the country are looking for change which has been indicated in the recently held Assembly elections in the four states of India. The Bharatiya

Janata Party registered an emphatic victory in all of the four states.

We not only succeeded in coming back to power in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh for the third consecutive term, but also got a thumping majority in Rajasthan against the misrule and mal-governance of the Congress there. This all is historic in itself about which each BJP worker could be proud of. For all this, I would like to congratulate a very popular Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan who symbolizes in him the virtues of simplicity, public service and accessibility along with Dr. Raman Singh who with his unquestioned commitment and dedication to the people of the state was able to take BJP to victory again even in the face of very unfavourable conditions in one of the most difficult areas of the country, that is Chhattisgarh. At the same time, I feel happy to congratulate all the workers who played a vital role in creating this history.

I also congratulate Mrs. Vasundhara Raje Scindia whose continuous struggle against anti-people governance of the Congress, organizational skills and management expertise led the BJP to a huge achievement in winning of people's confidence and support. The credit also goes to the party workers of Rajasthan for this unprecedented majority to the BJP in the state.

In Delhi too, under the leadership of Dr. Harshvardhan, BJP emerged as the largest single party, a few seats short of majority. We are proud that the Party stuck to the politics of principles; on the other hand some other political parties, with the sole motive and politics of 'Stopping the BJP' entered into opportunistic alliance at the alter of all 'principles and resolves'. We and the whole nation have been witness to this unholy trend in India's politics for the last many decades. I congratulate Dr. Harshvardhan and all the workers of Delhi for being number one in the line of winning the confidence of the people of Delhi by winning the largest number of seats in the Delhi Assembly.

I need not emphasize that the huge public support to the BJP in the recent Assembly elections is indicative of a huge public approval of good governance by the BJP governments and BJP's unquestioned commitment to the principles of good governance. I have talked about BJP's success in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. But we cannot forget an efficient and effective governance and productive and positive

performance by the BJP governments in Gujarat and Goa where the work and style of governance under the leadership of Sh. Narendra Modi and Sh. Manohar Parikar is receiving continuous support, appreciation and approval of the people without any reservation or exceptions.

It is a great occasion for me to thank and celebrate the Nation's scientists for their success in making indigenous cryogenic engine for successful launching of GSLV P-5 and for a new leap forward in the area of space research and, therefore for giving an occasion for being proud in an environment of all round helplessness and hopelessness prevailing in the minds of the people of India.

Friends, Lok Sabha elections are round the corner in the country. This election, unlike any other earlier election, is going to be a decisive election impacting the future of the nation. We know that the Congress led government in the last 10 years rule has frittered away all the gains of the BJP led government under the effective, able and honest leadership of Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee. This is a matter of concern for every citizen of the country. The advent of the 21st century was greeted in India with a new dawn, with India touching new heights in the economic and social development and when the big companies of the world and global institutions were rushing to invest in India and do business here. This resulted in the creation of employment opportunities to the crores of the youth of India. India was known for its progress and was cited as a success story. The Congress Government has put the entire process of progress in a reverse gear. The companies who were eager to come and invest in India are now rushing towards the exit. Now many believe that Indian success story is over.

Everyone knows that there are so many possibilities and hopes before a beginning is made, but the loss or failure in that process (of beginning) puts a big question-mark on its credibility. People start losing confidence and trust in your capability and capacity. It becomes difficult to regain that lost trust. India is facing something of that nature. Therefore, the next election would decide whether that lost trust of the world would be regained or not. I am confident that India would regain its glory and credibility once the BJP comes to power. The Indian success story is not over. It is waiting for BJP to come back to power.

The internal situation in the country is frustrating. The common man's backbone is being broken by crushing inflation. Corruption has broken all records in

the history of independent India. It does not mean that there was no corruption under the earlier regimes. Serious allegations of corruption were levelled against the minority govt. of Shri PV Narsimha Rao and also against Shri Rajiv Gandhi government which enjoyed overwhelming majority. But the present UPA govt. not only indulged in massive corruption, but also misused the official machinery and weakened and destroyed all constitutional systems to cover up and defend corruption in the most arrogant, shameless and unacceptable manner.

Even though, all these scams and scandals must be fresh in your memory, it is essential to remind two or three main points here. Most importantly this government has eroded the prestige of the Prime Minister's office and that of the Cabinet. Recently, the Prime Minister himself has accepted the existence of two power-centres in his government.

In July 2010, the whole of Monsoon Session of Parliament was lost to the obstinacy of the government on the issue of the constitution of JPC on 2G scam. How JPC was constituted after the intervention of the Judiciary and how the report of the PAC was treated is all before the country.

Misuse of CBI in the Coal scam, filing of false or wrong affidavit before the Supreme Court and then disappearance of the files when demanded to be produced before the court are some of the unparalels in the history of governance in India. Such shameless efforts to save and shield the corrupt and the insensitive comments of the ministers on inflation and corruption have completely shaken the faith of the common man in the whole system.

Every citizen of this country with a love for the nation and her people is perturbed at what has happened in the last 10 years on the matters of national security along the borders, apart from the international and internal conditions. In the last 3-4 years China has violated our boundaries almost hundred times and showing aggression on many occasions in the areas from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh. Indian government remained a mute spectator. Not only this, Pakistan had the courage to cut the Heads of our Jawans and celebrate on videos. But no other political party than the BJP and the common man of the country appeared to be concerned and agitated on this humiliating and inhuman behavior of Pakistan. On the issue of internal security, all the non-NDA political parties are against the

enactment of an effective law against terrorism. Even when there has been enormous increase in the incidents of terrorism, it is tragic and unfortunate that India is the only country in the world which is the worst affected by terrorism and is still fighting against it without an anti-terrorism law.

It appears that the entire system has come to a halt. In this atmosphere of despair, it is natural for the common people to loose faith in the system.

It is well known fact that the recently held State Assembly elections have decimated the Congress while the BJP has been voted to power with a renewed confidence and trust of the people. The Congress has come to terms with the definite defeat in the forthcoming Loksabha Election internally. But congress is a very shrewd player of politics. We all are a witness in the last 10 years to how Congress exploited the nation and conducted power-politics behind a 'mask' in the government. The Congress strategy as of now is to contain BJP by hook or by crook from getting majority or near majority and for that it has started a propaganda against the BJP with the help of some other forces.

Friends, we need a strong and effective government at the Centre, If we want freedom from bad governance of the Congress responsible for the present threatening internal and external situation in the country and also for the restoration of the credibility of constitutional institutions and for providing relief from the miseries being suffered by the common men that were unleashed by the Congress led UPA government. The Congress gets shaken even at the idea of return of such strong government under an effective and decisive leadership of the BJP. Congress is afraid of the BJP because it knows that the track record of BJP's good governance in states like Gujarat, MP and Chhattisgarh, would put a question-mark on the political relevance and existence of Congress. Therefore, Congress wants a weak and helpless permissive government and BJP wants a strong government. The whole objective is to install a government in the Centre that could be, like in 1977, 1989 and 1996, destabilized and Congress government through the politics of power and pelf or compromises and mutual cover-ups could be put in place.

The nation is passing through a very critical phase today. The governor of the Reserve Bank of India is also in agreement with the fact that a weak government at the centre might lead to further deterioration in the economy and economic conditions. Naturally, it, by implication, means that only strong government, which can be guaranteed by BJP and BJP alone, can effectively

deal with twin monstrous problems of inflation and unemployment.

Friends, you have seen since 1977 till today that if there is any viable and reliable alternative to Congress, it is the BJP alone. The vote to any other party that may apparently look like a great opponent of Congress and might use the strongest possible condemning language against Congress during elections might enter later in an alliance with the same Congress. This helps congress in perpetuating its misrule from behind the scenes.

There used to be a time when congress was at the pivot of Indian Politics and all of other political parties, directly or indirectly, used to make collective efforts to contain it. Now the situation has changed. Today the opportunist political parties including Congress are colluding together directly or indirectly to stop the BJP. It shows that now the BJP is at the center-stage of Indian Politics and is indicative of the end of Congress era and the beginning of the BJP era.

I had stated in the national council of BJP held last year in Delhi that 20th century belonged to the Congress in the politics of India and the 21st century shall belong to the BJP. The events in the last one year appear to be taking India's Politics in that direction only. Therefore BJP is the only alternative to make a Congress free India.

I have complete faith in the maturity and intelligence of the people of India and am confident that they will not create any such situation. The people of India will give a decisive verdict in favour of the BJP under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi who is capable to solve the problems facing the country. What is the solution of the problem?

Its solution does not lie in any single issue, or a single strategy or method, but through a tested, honest, multi-dimensional leadership which can provide to the nation four things.

- Good governance
- Development
- Stability
- Security

The condition today however, is totally contrary to the above.

### Indian Economy

The world economy going through a phase of crisis is not something abnormal but when a government continues with wrong policies with wrong intentions then the crisis transforms into a contagion. Today the same thing is happening to the Indian

economy. The source of this malaise is not economic but political in nature.

The wheel of country's development which was moving at a pace more than 8 percent during the NDA regime has now slowed down below 5 percent. The indication of economic slowdown was evident as soon as the UPA came to power in 2009 but five years since then the government has only made hollow promises without yielding any substantial result.

Today most of the large economies in the world are 'Reviving', the Indian economy facing the problem of 'Surviving'. Last week the government released key economic figures which paint a gloomy picture of our economy. I am concerned over the indifference of the 'economist prime minister' as it raises an important question that why has he failed to act when the economy continues to be in the doldrums.

Last week the November IIP data was released and indicated that the industrial production contracted at the rate of 2.1 per cent. It is not something which could be dismissed as one off data. The average of India's industrial production from April 2013 has shown a steady decline.

During the global recession in 2008-09 the Indian economy stayed robust because the domestic demand had kept the growth intact. The UPA government could have capitalized on this inherent strength of our economy but it frittered away the advantage. Now the figures indicate that even the domestic demand is heading for considerable slowdown. The steep decline of 22 per cent in 'Consumer Non Durables' reflected in November IIP figures is an indication of decreasing purchasing capacity of Indian consumers.

The UPA government believes that increase in money supply will automatically boost domestic demand. If the money supply were to do wonders for the markets and Indian economy then the GDP growth rate would not have fallen to such abysmal levels. The money supply figures tell a different story. In 2006 the total money supply in India was 25 trillion Rupees which increased to 92 trillion Rupees in December 2013 but it has not helped in boosting either the demand or the growth.

The problem of inflation and spiraling prices of essential commodities is closely linked to Congress misrule and corruption. Recently a group of economists from Turkey came up with a unique research which highlights the link between price rise and corruption. These economists conducted a comparative study of the data provided by Transparency International and

the rate of inflation in the countries included in the list. They concluded that corruption had a direct bearing on the price rise. As per Transparency International data India was ranked at 70th position in 2006 for transparency but it slipped to 94th rank in 2012-13. No wonder this was the period when inflation had gripped the entire Indian economy. Price rise is adversely affecting the people of the country but no concrete action has been taken against inflation during the UPA rule.

The economic management of the UPA government has also been miserable. We had its first glimpses when India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) ballooned to nearly 90 billion dollars. The rapid increase in CAD numbers engineered a dramatic collapse for Indian Rupee against the dollar and it was reduced to a 'senior citizen' in currency fraternity. This dramatic fall in Indian Rupee could have been used to increase our export numbers but there was no surge in Indian exports.

The government now claims that the Current Account Deficit will be kept within 60 billion dollar but the way the government has been undoing its own claim it is difficult to trust these projections. While presenting the budget last year the finance minister had claimed that the Fiscal Deficit would be limited to Rs 5.42 lakh crore in the fiscal year 2013-14. But the 94% of these budget estimates has already been spent in eight months and it leaves little room for the remaining four months.

The recently released figure of India's outstanding foreign debt is a cause for great concern. In March 2013 the total foreign debt was 390 billion dollars which increased to 400 billion dollars in September 2013. The current Indian foreign exchange reserve does not provide substantial coverage for this massive foreign debt.

The increasing foreign debt numbers has adversely impacted India's credit ratings international market. When compared to other emerging economies India today has the biggest burden of foreign debt. While the Debt to GDP ratio of countries like Philippines, Indonesia and Turkey is below 50 percent, India's debt to GDP ratio is around 70 percent (67.9%). Keeping these numbers in mind the international rating agencies like Moody's have expressed concern over the stress caused by it.

Due to slower growth rate, spiraling prices and the policy paralysis the domestic and foreign investors are

increasingly getting frustrated and disillusioned from India. The government data itself indicate that in the first seven months of the current fiscal year there has been 15 percent decline in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country.

The UPA government is opening many sectors for FDI without any much deliberation or consultation. Recently the Centre opened even the Railways to FDI which is a 100 percent government enterprise. Before taking such key economic policy decisions Parliament and the opposition should have been taken into confidence but the central government is taking unilateral decisions. This tendency of taking hurried decisions without consulting the major stakeholders is impacting the process of disinvestment as well because it increases uncertainty. The government had set a target for disinvestment at 44,000 crore in the Budget but it has been able to generate only paltry 3,000 crore.

The BJP will have to take the onerous responsibility of bringing the economy back on track. Since Lok Sabha elections are around the corner we will have to place before the nation a clear and decisive 'Vision Document' and 'Manifesto' which would pave the way for revival of the Indian economy.

Today the people want to know as to how we are going to transform the economy after coming to power. Therefore all the delegates who have come to this National Council have the duty to not only discuss the economic problems facing the country but also to spread awareness among the about the solutions deliberated here.

The BJP finds many inherent flaws in the present economic model. We believe that the current expanse and pace of development leaves a huge section of the country behind. Today there is a widening gap in the country, income disparities have increased and the economic autonomy of the country is dwindling. In this critical situation the BJP will have to formulate such economic policies which can bridge the gap, end the disparities, encourage enterprises and industry, serve farmers' interests and create employment opportunities for millions of our youth.

It is not an easy task but the BJP's economic and its leadership have the ability usher in the change required at the moment. On coming to power we will focus on infrastructure to provide faster economic development.

On coming to power the BJP will control the unrestrained Current Account Deficit and Fiscal Deficit. During the Atalji NDA government's regime India had



become Current Account Surplus economy. We will again make India a Current Account Surplus economy. We will encourage exports reduce the CAD. We will chalk out an integrated plan to reduce unnecessary imports and increase manufacturing to promote the exports, after coming to power.

'Manufacturing' sector has to be encouraged if India has the dream to join the league of developed economies. We have cheap and competent labour but we are unable to take advantage of its availability because the present government has no will power to encourage and promote manufacturing industry. Our goal will be to increase the share of 'Manufacturing' to more than 20% of the GDP.

In building the infrastructure of this country not only the resources of the country will be utilized but we will also take the active support from large number of NRIs present in foreign countries. The saga of economic development of China was written by the people of Chinese origin living in foreign lands in tandem with the people of China.

To mobilize funds for investment in the infrastructure of India there is a need to develop Bond Market in the country where different institutions and agencies will be able to garner resources for infrastructure sector.

Keeping in mind the challenges of increasing urbanisation and pressure on cities in India BJP will chalk out a new 'Urban Renewal Plan' through which the capacity and potential of all the cities in the country will be fully realised.

Simplification of the taxation system for greater relief:

The common man in India today is weighed down by numerous taxes. There is hardly any area of economic activity that is not taxed either directly or indirectly by the government. BJP is committed in principle that the common man must be provided some measure of relief from taxation.

On coming to power we will work towards simplification and rationalization of taxes for honest tax payers. Comprehensive reforms in the taxation regime will be initiated to expand the government's revenue stream while providing relief to taxpayers. The BJP reiterates its commitment to provide substantial relief to the income tax paying middle classes.

**Black money**

For the past many years a big chunk of our country's ill-gotten wealth has been converted into black money and remains stashed in foreign banks.

This issue was raised for the first time by Shri Advani ji before the 2009 Lok Sabha elections and it was said that we would make provisions to bring back the black money stashed in foreign banks after forming the government. We are glad that even outside the political arena this issue was strongly supported by eminent personalities like Baba Ramdev and Anna Hazare. We are committed to the resolve expressed by Shri Advani ji even today. If the BJP comes to power at the Centre we will bring back the black money stashed in foreign banks.

**Agriculture and Farmers:**

Our vision on agriculture and farmers has been clearly enunciated from the time of Janasangh. Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay would often remark that our aim should be to provide water to every field and work to each hand. The BJP continues to follow the same policy.

The present government's policies are anti-farmer. Of late we have been hearing a lot about how sugarcane farmers across the nation have been agitating to protest the denial of fair price for their produce. Here I would like to highlight the case of Uttar Pradesh where the state government has fixed the support price of sugarcane at a measly Rs 280 per quintal.

Despite their protests, the farmers in Uttar Pradesh continue to be deprived of the remunerative price for their produce. The government needs to work on a practical formula to provide them with immediate relief.

Having come from a farmer's family, I feel their pain and share the concerns expressed by the farmers. The primary reason behind their woes is low income, and even that is not always assured. If we form the government-

We will implement an insurance scheme to ensure regular income for the farmers based on the size of the land holdings.

We will provide alternative employment to at least one person from each farming family.

We will also form a special working committee to propagate the increasingly popular organic farming, which has been an intrinsic part of our agricultural tradition.

**World Trade Organization and Food Security:**

At the recently concluded WTO meeting in Bali, the Government of India may have been able to temporarily postpone the serious challenges pertaining to food security, but the storm clouds have still not cleared from the horizon. In Bali, the government has only been able to ensure safeguard to Indian interests

on subsidy under WTO provisions only till such time a more lasting solution is found on the issue. It would have been better if the central government had been able to proactively work on a more permanent solution as the WTO provision for 10% subsidy to agriculture has already been breached. This will impact the support price extended to farmers as against 10%, there has been a 24% increase in subsidy.

Now if the support price of agricultural produce is not increased even as input costs keep appreciating, how will a farmer continue to till his land? Therefore, why didn't the UPA government assert itself at the WTO summit?

Actually, keeping in mind the forthcoming elections, rather than taking up the cudgels on behalf of the country's farmers, the UPA government has tried to postpone taking any clear stand at this stage. It is therefore imperative that only a farmer friendly government must take charge, and the BJP is most ideally suited to deliver on this front.

#### Farmer Markets: ( Kissan Bazar)

The concept of 'farmer markets' must be implemented across the country to prevent middlemen from coming in between end-consumer and farmers. You may like to recall how the high prices of onion burnt a hole in the pocket of the common man during Diwali, but the farmers never even got to make a 10% profit on that spike. Therefore, if we have a process of direct sale-and-purchase, both the consumer and farmer will be equally benefited. There was a time when farmers would directly sell their produce to end-consumer at vegetable markets and special weekly Haats.

On forming the government, the BJP will encourage farmer markets or 'Kissan Bazars' to encourage direct sale and purchase contact between the farmers and consumers.

#### Health Services:

Every nation is duty bound to ensure for its citizens the following four items: Security, Justice, Education and Health. In the rural India, the condition of health services is way below the internationally accepted standards, even though every single citizen of this country is entitled to living a healthy life. We will enshrine the Right to Health for the poorest of the poor through legislative provisions.

#### Economic Disparity:

A challenge that has developed in the last ten years, and which is capable of dangerously impacting

the social harmony in future, is that of growing economic disparity. The ever growing wealth of a small section of the population while another section is denied of even the most basic amenities is a major cause for concern. On forming the government we will work towards ensuring the equitable distribution of economic wealth.

It is the duty of the state to ensure that millions living below the poverty line are able to at least avail of the basic amenities. However, rather than keeping this section dependent on government doles, we will formulate a comprehensive job creation programme to make it self-sufficient. Our special job creation scheme for those living below the poverty line will ensure that the poorest of the poor are able to earn on their own with a renewed confidence.

#### Corruption Under the UPA Government:

Today all the citizens of this country are tired of the corruption under the UPA government. Accused of being party to scams of nearly Rs5.5 lakh crores, it is actively trying to stage a cover up on the pretext of investigation.

The Note of Dissent submitted by opposition members in the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) formed to investigate the notorious 2G scam were conveniently edited to draft a favourable report. This report shouldn't be accepted as it bypasses all the questions which the JPC was supposed to find the answers. This blatant manipulation of democratic institutions and traditions to cover up incidents of corruption is unprecedented.

In Mumbai, in a similar development, the judicial commission constituted to probe into the 'Adarsh Housing Society' scam presented the report but it was rejected by the Maharashtra government at the instance of the Congress party as four of its former chief ministers were involved in it! Two hours before the report was to be tabled in the state assembly, the Maharashtra government rejected it in a cabinet meeting. Such a tearing hurry to give a quiet burial to a scam only serves to strengthen one's worst suspicions. Thereafter, the so called drama of reviewing the decision played out by everyone from the Maharashtra government to Congress Vice President made it amply clear that the whole thing was a complete farce.

Critical files in the coal blocks allocation scam, where the Prime Minister's office is directly involved, simply 'disappeared into thin air'. The UPA government is unwilling to admit that the so called disappeared files have actually been hidden somewhere. As this is an unusual occurrence, the Prime Minister needs to clear

the air on this issue as he is directly linked to it. Disappearance of the files and the Prime Minister's studied silence are preventing the truth from coming out.

This silence of the Prime Minister has not only caused a loss of Rs1.86 lakh crores to the country's exchequer but has also severely hampered coal exploration in the country. Consequently, the country is forced to annually import millions of tonnes of expensive foreign coal even though India has sufficient reserves of the commodity to last it another 200 years.

The Congress government has pillaged the nation's valuable natural resources through the foulest means. In our bid to avoid such occurrences in future, our government will formulate a comprehensive and transparent policy for the exploration and allocation of natural resources.

**Congress' Double speak on Lokpal:**

The Winter Session of Parliament finally saw the passage of the long awaited Lokpal Bill. Although this was a historic occasion in India's parliamentary history, but the manner in which Congress went about trying to take credit for the bill's passage was completely misplaced. The Atal Bihari Vajpayee led NDA government too had tried to get the Lokpal Bill passed. And it was Atalji who had insisted that the office of the Prime Minister too should be brought under Lokpal's purview.

The renowned social activist Anna Hazare had led a mass movement demanding constitution of Lok Pal. Therefore, if one person can be credited for the passage of the bill, it is Anna Hazare and if there is one institution that can be credited for the same, it is the temple of our democracy, the Indian Parliament. As a responsible opposition the BJP extended its full support to the government on Lokpal Bill. However, Congress' hypocrisy on the issue of corruption is laughable and against the established norms.

The BJP is of the view that the passage of Lokpal Bill alone will not put an end to corruption as it is one of the instruments in a big struggle. In order to create a strong anti-corruption sentiment in the country, we need to ensure the passage of several other bills such as Goods and Services Guarantee Bill, Whistleblower Protection Bill and Protection of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, etc.

The BJP has not merely issued statements but has also proactively moved on Lokpal. I would like to remind you that the first government in this country to introduce

and adopt the Jan Lokpal was the General Khanduri-led BJP government in Uttarakhand.

**Internal and External Security:**

The internal and external security of the nation has been compromised under the UPA rule. The serial blasts at the Patna rally of the main opposition party prove that both the Centre and the state government of Bihar have failed to take the threat posed by terrorism seriously.

I would like to cite the Batla House encounter as a case in the point. After that incident almost all non-NDA parties – from the oldest to the newest political outfits and from the ones perceived as the most corrupt to those that lay claim to being the most virtuous – joined the chorus with Congress in expressing sympathy for the alleged criminals and mocking the sacrifices of the martyred security personnel.

Had the Congress not started playing vote bank politics on the issue of terrorism, I can tell you that our security forces would have had a definite edge in the war against terror today.

China also seems to have decided that it is within its right to enter the Indian territory. The Chinese army was involved in hundreds of incidents of violation of the LAC. Despite that, in October Dr Manmohan Singh went ahead with his China trip to sign Border Defence Cooperation Agreement (BDCA). The Clause 06 of this agreement clearly spells out that in the eventuality of an infiltration, neither side will take recourse to the use of force. What a strange agreement is that? With the Prime Minister having forced the hands of our armed forces down how can we expect our borders to be safe?

The year 2014 has arrived with even more serious challenges for India internal and external security. With the US led coalition forces set to start withdrawal from Afghanistan this year, there is every possibility that terror groups, including Al Qaida, active in that country may turn their attention towards India. We must not forget that post the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan in 1989 there was a sudden rise in terrorist activities in India that caused severe damage to life and property. If our government is voted to power, mindful of this scenario we will undertake stringent measures and also use our diplomatic expertise to create an environment favourable to the national interest.

**Naxal Terror**

Friends, terrorism usually thrives near a country's border areas. But the problem of Naxal terror has spread its tentacles in the central parts of our nation. Last year Naxalites killed several Congress leaders in Chhattisgarh.

Even as the BJP denounces this dastardly act it urges the Centre and other political parties to set aside their differences to collaborate on a national policy to resolve the Naxal problem. The Naxal problem cannot be countered through legal or administrative measures alone. Other than a strong administration it will also require a holistic policy that is factors in political will, economic development and sensitization of the society. In this regard our Chhattisgarh governments work is commendable. If we form the government at the Centre, we will make a consolidated policy to deal with Naxal terror.

### Neighbouring Countries and International Relations

Hardly any peace loving person will disagree with the point that India must enjoy friendly and cordial relations with its neighbours. Although BJP too subscribe to the same view, however, diplomacy cannot be undertaken at the expense of national self esteem. The problem is the UPA government has made a disoriented and weak foreign policy central to its diplomacy.

The year 2014 is opening new avenues for India's diplomacy. To make the most of those opportunities, we need a government at the Centre that can establish cordial ties with all our neighbours even while never losing sight on the national interest. The BJP has the roadmap and vision that seeks to advance India's national interests through effective diplomacy. One of the first aims of the BJP on coming to power would be to improve our ties with our neighbours.

#### Afghanistan:

Since 2014 is a crucial year for India's security, we must extend our fullest support to Afghanistan in their hour of crisis. I had elaborated on my concerns around Afghanistan during my visit to the US last year. Now we find that the US view on Afghanistan too is changing.

India must work closely with Afghanistan and the US administration to extend any help or support that may be required. The Chinese firms are rapidly expanding their presence in Afghanistan. The Indian government should also work towards encouraging Indian investments into Afghanistan by working with the country's public and private sector.

#### Bangladesh:

BJP strongly denounces the ongoing violence and the atrocities being committed on the minority Hindu community in Bangladesh after the recently concluded general elections in the country. The elections have

seen the Sheikh Hasina-led Awami League return to power. In its last tenure the Awami League government through its crackdown on fundamentalist and anti-India elements gave many positive signals.

The BJP congratulates Sheikh Hasina on again forming the government and expects her to display the same promptness in protecting minority communities and their places of worship that she showed in dealing with the extremist elements. On the issue of exchanging enclaves with Bangladesh the Centre should not ignore the public sentiment of the states which would be affected by such an agreement.

#### Nepal:

After going through severe political upheaval for over a decade things seem to be improving in Nepal. The newly elected constituent assembly first meeting has been fixed for January 22, and it is likely to put an end to political uncertainty in the region.

Nepal needs to be wary of anti-India elements active on its soil. The BJP hopes that the newly elected government of Nepal will be mindful of India's interests and will show the door to anti-India elements.

#### Myanmar:

In the last couple of years Myanmar has been increasingly finding acceptance on the international arena. India can make the most of the restoration of peace and stability in Myanmar by providing improved connectivity to its North Eastern states. The Myanmar government is making all attempts to develop basic infrastructure in the country. As in Afghanistan, India must play an active role in rebuilding of Myanmar.

Unofficial trade and smuggling have been going on for a long time along the India-Myanmar border. The Indian government must facilitate trade and commerce between the people of the two nations by building trading outposts along the border.

Last month, the BJP's Manipur wing had highlighted how the fencing along the India-Myanmar border is causing loss of substantial Indian territory. I even wrote to the Prime Minister calling upon him to first resolve any outstanding border dispute with Myanmar before undertaking the fencing of the border.

#### Sri Lanka:

India shares a long history of cordial ties with Sri Lanka. But ever since the UPA government took charge at the Centre, there has been a climate of mistrust between the two nations. Indian fishermen are routinely rounded up by the Sri Lankan navy as there is no clear agreement in place between the two countries on fishing rights.

Similarly, the UPA government's diplomacy completely failed to address the political, social and cultural aspirations of the people of Tamil origin in Sri Lanka.

Pakistan:

In the history of post-Independent India if there is one country that has been consistently hostile towards our nation, it is Pakistan. There have been several attempts from the Indian side to improve relations with Pakistan, but most of them have more or less ended in failure. It is, therefore, time when our attitude towards Pakistan is dictated not by its pronouncements, but by its actions. The coming to the power of Nawaz Sharif government had kindled hopes that it could lead to a fresh start. Unfortunately, Pakistan has been unable to change its attitude. It is very much possible that the UPA government's clueless policy on Pakistan has encouraged that country to keep to its old ways.

While, on the one hand, the UPA government claims that it has no dialogue with Pakistan, on the other, the premiers of the two nations, lawmakers and officer have been having regular meetings. A meeting between the foreign ministers of India and Pakistan commences today (January 18). The government is taking great pains to clarify that the meeting not be seen as a "dialogue". Don't you find this strange? Will the ministers and officers of the two countries be meeting with their lips sealed? Who are you trying to fool?

Why is the UPA government so keen to get the 'Most Favoured Nation' (MFN) status from Pakistan? If Pakistan was really keen to improve relations with India it would have given the MFN status to India by now. Pakistan will have to change its attitude if it wishes to initiate a fresh dialogue with the government that is elected to power in India in 2014.

The formation of the BJP government in India will lead to better clarity and transparency in India's Pakistan policy. Pakistan will be conveyed clearly that if it wants to work closely with India it has to first change its thinking. Just a change of face alone won't help dispel the trust deficit.

China:

China too like Pakistan has been creating multiple challenges for India. I have already mentioned about the intrusion by Chinese soldiers into the Indian territory. But what is even more worrisome is the fact that China is trying to create an anti-India atmosphere in our neighbourhood. And it's not just Pakistan that

is under China's influence, but anti-India elements have become active in countries like Bhutan. Today China's global trade has surpassed 4 trillion dollars, which is two times the size of the Indian economy. China's growing economic clout is providing impetus to its geopolitical ambitions.

For the past few years, China has been consciously working to weaken India on the geopolitical stage. The UPA government has been completely failed to challenge the psychological warfare mounted by China against India. India-China relations can only improve when there is a decisive government at the centre. In Atalji's time the relations between India and China were far better.

After the 1962 war the only time that China ever gave up a territorial claim in India's favour was during the Prime Minister Vajpayee's visit to the country. At that time China abandoned its claim over Sikkim. This is a shining example of the BJP government's skill at effective diplomacy.

United States of America:

In 1998, when we formed government at the centre, despite American apprehensions we went ahead with Pokhran nuclear tests. Yet, by the time we left the government in 2004, a new found vigour had returned to the India-US ties. But during the UPA rule India's relations seem to have again reached a new low.

The undue harassment caused to an Indian woman diplomat on American soil is there for all to see. The US view on this incident is completely unreasonable and condemnable. The US has sought Pakistan's views on Bangladesh while completely ignoring India's interest. This is highly objectionable.

If the US considers India to be a friend and strategic ally, it must show in its behaviour. It is equally the responsibility of the Indian government that it ensures that India's self-respect is maintained in the bilateral ties. But, by far this government has completely failed on that front.

BJP's Global expansion

There has been a constant rise in the popularity of BJP's policies and potential amongst the NRI and community of Indian Origin in the world. I felt it during my visit to USA last year. There, I was a witness to the immense popularity/ attraction of NRI's towards our prime ministerial candidate, Narendra Bhai Modi. Presently, on an International platform, there is a humongous increase in the number of people favoring BJP. The branches of Overseas Friends of BJP have been formed from Canada to Australia and from Dubai

till European and African countries. They were able to successfully hold their first ever International convention in January this year.

### Youth

The youth of a country are its biggest treasure and strength. If we wish to embellish the future of India, proactive involvement of the youth of the country is essential. The youth want change and for a brighter future, they are going to exercise their voting rights in high numbers in the upcoming elections. From their primary education to their employability, it is the responsibility of the government. For the last decade, the youth has been disappointed owing to lack of employment. If the youth are not gainfully employed then instability in the society will increase.

When BJP comes into power, then we will eradicate this disappointment and there will be a wave of enthusiasm. To enhance the employment opportunities in the country, we have to invest heavily on manufacturing industry, tourism, export-import, agriculture and food processing, IT and self-employment

Arrangements should be made to impart skill training to the youth according to their interest after their 10th grade so that they are aware of their role in Nation building.

To give ample opportunities to sporting talent in the youth, we will develop new sports development policy so as to establish India as a Sports power or Super power in sporting arena within the next 10 years.

To bring qualitative improvement in higher education the standard of all the Universities in the country will be enhanced. They require infrastructural improvement to develop wholesome tradition of 'research and development'. A network of Vocational Training centers after 12th grade is a requisite to stop making higher education as a means of attaining degrees.

We will encourage employment centric investments or we will ensure that at least one person from each family gets meaningful employment.

### Women

Similar to the youth, women also play an important role in development of a country. Unfortunately the scope of women empowerment in India is being restricted to political empowerment only. In this country along with political empowerment, they also require social empowerment. The Congress led UPA government has kept them weak on both the fronts.

Even after ruling for 10 years, the UPA government was unable to pass Women's Reservation bill. If owing to the pressure from the people/mass movement, the

government can pass the Lokpal bill after a long interval, is it waiting for similar kind of pressure for Women's Reservation bill also?

The BJP is very worried regarding the increase in the number of 3crime against women in recent years. We have realized that just making the laws will not stop the rape or atrocities. For this we have to enhance the cultural and social awareness so that moral values are re-established in the society. These elements need to be incorporated in to the curriculum. Only then will we be able to achieve permanent solution regarding the perception of women.

### Schedule Caste

Even after 67 years of Independence, more than 75% population from the schedule caste is devoid of the basic amenities in their lives. Not only are they poor and illiterate, but they lack social status also. Even today large number of posts reserved for them lie vacant because candidates from their group do not even have basic education. This is very worrisome and unlucky. Their upliftment is not just a political subject, but a well thought plan is necessary for their economic empowerment along with change social psychology. The BJP is going to look in to both these aspects with full responsibility.

### Tribals

When we had formed the government in the center, we were the pioneer in forming a separate ministry for the scheduled tribes. When we come in power we will again take effective steps to synchronize the development of Schedule tribes with that of the country. We will formulate a holistic development scheme for all the states with tribal population.

Keeping in mind their especial social and cultural necessities, we will make a separate department to conserve their culture. We will also work for getting favorable disposition towards their historical/ great personalities amongst the population, so that tribal population, along with their identity and self-respect merges with the country's/ nation's mainstream.

### Telangana and congress

The UPA government which had promised to create Telangana as soon as it came in power, has not been able to achieve it even after 5 years. As the main opposition party we have given open support to the central government for this issue. Even then due to internal politics, government has not been able to take a final decision.

Due to Congress's hypocrisy regarding Telangana, the dissatisfaction and outrage in both Telangana and Seemandhra region has increased to a point where it is creating a sad and unfortunate situation for entire Andhra Pradesh. Instead for solving this, Congress is more interested in balancing its political equations.

After forming the government in the center, BJP will create Telangana and simultaneously form an Action Plan to find proper solution to the problems of the other areas of Andhra Pradesh.

North east

The violence in Assam had not even settled down when the news of outbreak of violence came from Nagaland. Around 16 people have died in violence in Nagaland and hundreds were forced to leave their homes and live in refugee camps. Keeping in mind the gravity of the present situation, the Home ministry needs to take effective steps to stop the violence and make way for safe return of the Naga refugees from other states.

The construction of better roads in North Eastern states is still moving at a snail's pace. Roads in almost all the NE states are in a very bad shape. They should not be overlooked. This area shares boundary with many countries, therefore for strategic safety of India, it is essential that they have roads of International standards. Now when India has decided to form 17 Mountain Corp in Panagarh then BRO (Border Road Organisation) should hasten the construction of roads in the border areas of all the NE states.

Unfortunately even when the resources are adequate, the money allocated by the UPA to the BRO is not utilized in time. While the UPA is not being able to spend the money allocated for making roads on the border, China has constructed an all-weather road in Tibet which comes till the boundary of India in Zhamag which is adjacent to Arunachal Pradesh.

The BJP will take up the work of construction roads of international standard in the boundary areas of NE at priority basis, when it comes to power.

#### Jammu and Kashmir

Owing to the wrong policies of the Congress government, the issue of J&K has been embroiled in problems since our independence. Due to its weak policies and Article 370, Congress has kept Jammu and Kashmir away from the mainstream of development in the country.

The BJP considers Jammu Kashmir as integral part of India. We are against giving leverage to any anti-national elements. We are resolute in getting

development to the poor population of Kashmir, which they lack even after 67 years of independence.

We strongly condemn the questions being raised by Congress and its allies regarding the status of Kashmir in India. Besides being a subject of integrity of India, Kashmir strikes an emotional chord for the party as our founder Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee became a martyr for Kashmir cause.

Propaganda against BJP Prime Ministerial candidate Shri Narendra Modi

Last year to liberate the people of India from the misrule of the UPA government the BJP declared the most popular leader of the country Shri Narendra Bhai Modi who also had the experience of successfully running a government as the Prime Ministerial candidate of the party. The declaration made by the BJP not only raised the hope and confidence in the country but also sent a positive message to foreign countries.

Feeling helpless against the BJP and its Prime Ministerial candidate the Congress has resorted to propaganda and legal tangles. The Congress is getting defeated in legal battles as well.

The Congress has launched a campaign against Shri Narendra Modi based on lies and misinformation. The recent comments made by the Prime Minister were neither based on facts nor dignified for a person who holds a constitutional post. The SIT has given clean chit to Shri Modi in its report submitted to Supreme Court in 2011 itself. Few days back a court in Ahmedabad has dismissed all allegations against him. In spite of this the manner in which the Prime Minister attacked him publicly was not only irresponsible but also highly condemnable.

For the past many years the Congress has been trying to bring discredit Shri Modi through its false propaganda and vote bank politics. Whatever had happened in 2002 during Gujarat riots was very painful. The Gujarat government took stern and swift action against the rioters. The Army was pressed into service within hours of the outbreak of violence. The Gujarat government fully cooperated with the investigations into all kinds of charges levelled against it by the outfits operating at the behest of the Congress but we never said that the files were missing or evidence had vanished. Many accused were sentenced by the courts. But the manner in which the witch hunting of Shri Narendra Bhai has been done for the past 11 years is completely unfair. If court absolves in one case then the government keeps some other conspiracy ready for

him. On the other hand how many people were brought under book by Congress for 1984 riots. In place of that CBI has even filed closure report on its leaders.

The government should also clear its stand on the fact that recently came to light that the then Congress government had taken the Britain's help at the time of Operation Blue star.

### Communal Riot and Communal Violence Bill

It is an irony that almost all the non NDA parties in the country believe that to fight the global menace of terrorism with which even US and western countries are unable to fight properly no law is required. They believe that the sections of Indian penal code dealing with the crimes like robbery, decoity, goondaism, hooliganism, pickpocketing are good enough to fight terrorism but the sections of Indian Penal Code are not enough to deal with communal riots and new law should be made. People of this country are looking at this paradox.

The bill which the government is trying to bring in the name of fighting against communal violence is an effort inspired by vote bank politics and it will destroy the communal harmony and social fabric of the country.

I am saying this because when the Home Minister of this country gives a statement that caution should be taken in acting against youth from a particular community. In the history of India it is for the first time that Home Ministry has released separate lists of those killed in the Muzaffarnagar riots on communal basis. By doing so the Centre is indulging in the dangerous politics of giving communal colour to the communal riots. Can an impartial law against communal violence be expected from such a government?

#### Politics of communal politics in Uttar Pradesh

Under the Samajwadi Party rule in Uttar Pradesh more than hundred incidents of communal riots and clashes have taken place in less than two years. The Uttar Pradesh government itself accepts more than 30 communal riots having taken place. The central government in this entire period kept extending silent support to Uttar Pradesh government and refused to act.

Its lowest point of the communal situation in UP was recently seen in Muzaffarnagar. The sting operations shown on the main channels of the country have made it clear that had the Samajwadi Party not played vote bank politics the Muzaffarnagar riots could have been easily stopped. But even more unfortunate

than this is that from controlling riots to instituting cases and in giving reliefs, everything appeared to have been inspired by the policies of communal vote bank politics. Had the court not interfered, the situation of communal tension would have reached to unimaginable levels.

Not only this, the Uttar Pradesh government tried to withdraw cases against the accused of 2007 bomb blasts in the state which has been struck down by the court. Never before in Indian history was such a blatant display of vote bank politics witnessed by the people. Appeal to the Karyakartas

We have the responsibility to save democracy from the frustration, hopelessness and disappointment through which Indian democracy is passing today. India has all the potential to become a prosperous, capable and strong nation in the world. It is our responsibility to realise this potential. Today we have a unique situation where the challenges and opportunities are knocking at our door at the same time.

Almost a week ago the celebrations related to Swami Vivekanand Sardh Shatabdi (150 years) concluded with much fanfare. I would like to remind that Swami Vivekanand had said in 1901, "I am seeing that Bharat Mata equipped with her ancient powers and with grandeur is going to enthrone herself to guide the world."

We can realise this dream of Swami Vivekanandaby coming together. To realise this dream passion like karmayogi is needed. I believe that if we take a firm resolve to create an India of 'Vivekananda's dream' then we can start this process in 2014 itself.

Year 2014 is an extraordinary year. This year will not only bring a change in government but it will also impact the coming generations of our country as it will set the future course of a new contemporary India. Time has come to take the challenge head on with full vigour and enthusiasm. The bugle has been sounded. The beating of drums can be heard clearly. There is no scope for confusion or time to rest.

Friends, the sun of Sankarnti has moved towards Uttarayana. The time for snow in the hills to melt has come. The season is set to change. The Sun shines in its fully glory. In a couple of month the autumn will lead to sunny days and winds of change will turn into a storm. I have full faith that amid all kinds of adversities the BJP will be finally emerge stronger and it will mark a new beginning in the history of our country.

**"Ab hawayen hi karengi roshani ka faisala,  
Jis diye me jaan hogi who diya jal jaayega". ■**



# Congress led UPA totally spoiled the great growth story of Atal Bihari Vajpayee led NDA Govt.

*The Political Resolution was moved by the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj at the BJP National Executive and Council meeting on January 19, 2014. This resolution was seconded by Former BJP National President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu and Deputy Leader in the Rajya Sabha Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad.*

*The Political Resolution emphasized that the misrule, mismanagement, stinking corruption and culpable indifference of the Congress led UPA Government at the centre has left India in a situation where the people only suffer and feel insecure. In 2014, Indians await change with hope and excitement.*

*It further said Dr. Manmohan Singh's ten years rule transformed India's growth story into not only an economic slowdown but almost a collapse and Governance, Policy initiative, decision making, propriety and fairness became a serious causality. It said India's internal security is under serious threat.*

*The Political Resolution finally appealed to all the BJP workers to dedicate themselves fully to this motto of 'India First' and fan out in every part of the country, connect with every house hold and awaken every Indian for decisive change. We are publishing the full text of the Political Resolution for our esteemed readers:*



## Shining performance of BJP in the recent Assembly election

It is a matter of assurance that few months before the Lok Sabha election; the BJP has achieved outstanding success in the recently held assembly election. The BJP sincerely thanks the people for reposing their trust in the Party in various states. The National Council compliments its Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan who successfully was elected for the third time consecutively and who twice personally led the party to an outstanding victory including a two-thirds majority this time in the state of Madhya Pradesh. Similarly Shri Raman Singh also deserves congratulations for very successfully getting the trust of the people for the third term in Chhattisgarh. The performance of these two state government and pro people programs has been widely appreciated. Smt. Vasundhara Raje deserves full praise for outstanding performance of the BJP under her leadership where the Party registered a near three-fourth majority in the state of Rajasthan. In Delhi too, Dr. Harshvardhan and

the Party deserves to be complimented where the Party emerged as a single largest Party though we missed the majority by a few seats.

## Impending departure of Dr. Manmohan Singh and Congress running away from declaring Rahul Gandhi as PM Candidate

The misrule, mismanagement, stinking corruption and culpable indifference of the Congress led UPA Government has left India in a situation where the people only suffer and feel insecure. In 2014, Indians await change with hope and excitement. The announcement by Dr. Manmohan Singh that he will no more be available for the post of Prime Minister after election was merely noted with studied indifference and was treated as an event which the people of the country were eagerly awaiting. He has nothing noticeable to commend as his achievement hence he sought relief in history being fair to him. Unfortunately Dr. Manmohan Singh as the Prime Minister of India has not left any noticeable footprint to enable history

to give him any place of significance.

Dr. Manmohan Singh, never known as a mass leader, was often described as a good economist but his ten years rule transformed India's growth story into not only an economic slowdown but almost a collapse. Governance, Policy initiative, decision making, propriety and fairness became a serious causality.

There was a sustained campaign by the Congress leaders, including senior Ministers that Rahul Gandhi be named as the Congress PM candidate. Even Dr. Manmohan Singh gave an indication in his rare press conference. Rahul Gandhi himself indicated in a media interview that he is willing to take any responsibility. Now, suddenly we heard the announcement that it is not the tradition of Congress to name a PM candidate. This was just an alibi. It was the recognition of the reality. Shri Rahul Gandhi is no match to Narendra Modi in terms of leadership quality, record of governance and integrity and above all popular appeal.

In so many surveys Rahul Gandhi is far behind Shri Modi in public rating. Congress knew that they cannot fight BJP and Shri Narendra Modi politically with Rahul Gandhi as the PM candidate. A certain defeat is inevitable whenever election is held therefore they took the exit route of not declaring the PM candidate at all. The fact remains that Rahul Gandhi equally is responsible for all the ills and suffering of the country caused by the Congress led UPA Government because the Government worked under his control too. The country is keen that the Congress must go.

### **Smt. Sonia Gandhi led UPA totally wasted the great growth story of Atal Bihari Vajpayee led NDA Government**

The NDA Government led by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee came to power in the year 1998 when India's growth rate was merely 4.8%. With good leadership, sound policy initiative, good governance and inspiring performance, when the NDA demitted office in May 2004, it had left an extraordinary growth rate of 8.5% creating a very sound foundation of Indian economy where inflation was under control, there was growth with equity and good employment opportunity.

It was indeed exemplary because it was achieved under very difficult circumstances and unfavorable global atmosphere. There was international sanction

because of Pokhran-II nuclear explosion, Kargil War, the East-Asian crises, massive earth-quake in Gujarat, drought in 2001 & 2002 and cyclone in Orissa. Infact the UPA government in the economic survey 2004-05 published by the Ministry of Finance acknowledged it at page 1 itself as follows; "Buoyed by a rebound in the agriculture and allied sector, and strongly helped by improved performance in industry and services, the economy has registered a growth rate of 8.5% in 2003-04, the highest ever except in 1975-76 and 1988-89." It is indeed a tragedy that the Congress led UPA government has completely squandered it and brought it down to a deplorable less than 5% i.e. about 4.8%. There is no hope of any redemption in the coming few months. The Government of Dr. Manmohan Singh effectively led and controlled by Smt. Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi has literally destroyed India's growth story.

### **Congress led UPA's scam seriously dented India's image**

The BJP for the last some years has been describing the Congress led UPA Government as the most corrupt Central Government since independence. Each passing day has only reinforced this impression. It is indeed a coalition of the corrupt. There has been collusion at high level and operators and middle men openly patronised by the political leadership of the government have managed to swindle lacs of crore of public money in scam after scam. There has not only been connivance of important elements in the political leadership of this government but in many cases active involvement. Scam after scam has so much shocked and stunned the nation that it has become difficult to keep a count. From monumental corruption in the allotment of 2G licenses involving a scam of 1.76 lacs crore to the coalgate relating to massive irregularity in allotment of coal blocks, all for a price (a scam of 1.86 lacs crore) to the Common Wealth Games scam involving 70 thousands crore where no action was allowed to be taken against Sheila Dixit Government inspite of assurance in the Parliament, the list is endless. In the coalgate when the Government itself is admitting of wrong doing before the court then why the Prime Minister is not allowing his role to be probed by the CBI when he himself was handing the coal portfolio when all these irregularities took place. The strong comment of various courts while hearing cases of corruption, irregularity and functioning of the UPA Government is itself indicative of the gross misuse.

The Government has not shown any initiative to

bring back black money (running in to lacs of crores) stashed away in foreign banks. **The BJP stands committed to take all requisite steps in this regard.** The Government was constrained to cancel the Augusta-Westland helicopter deal because huge kick-backs were paid in this deal. Initially the Government sought to defend the deal and prevented the income tax department from investigating it. Now, during investigation in Italy new facts are emerging which requires a further serious probe in India. Some of the alleged recipient of the kick-backs includes code names “AP” and “Family” as disclosed during investigation. Who are they and do they have links with the current ruling establishment in India are indeed disturbing questions which needs to be probed.

But for aggressive campaign by the BJP, exposure by the media; intervention of the courts and general sense of revulsion in the country against corruption, the Congress led UPA Government would not have allowed any investigation at all because the trail leads to the door steps of its leaders. How, the dignity of the Joint Parliamentary Committee in the 2G scam was allowed to be compromised by its Chairman who behaved more like a Congressman and gave a shameful report to shield the corrupt and even arbitrarily edited the dissent note of other members shows the true colour of Congress. In the Adarsh Scam, the shameful manner in which the Congress Government bailed out its own former Chief Ministers of Maharashtra including the present Union Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde reinforces once again the fact that Congress leaders commit corruption with impunity and their government shields them shamelessly. The latest case of Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh of receiving crores of rupees in his name and that of his family members from a business man under various questionable loan deals is a text book case of quid pro quo and corruption.

The BJP notes with satisfaction the passage of the Lokpal Bill from both houses of Parliament for which it has taken great initiative and made consistent efforts. The Congress Government sought to delay it on one pretext or other but it is a matter of assurance that the collective concern in the country on massive corruption of the Congress led Government, led to Lokpal institution now becoming a reality.

### **Serious threat to Internal Security**

India’s internal security is under serious threat. Terrorist group plan, conspire and execute with impunity their strike with alarming regularity. Apart

from Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Indian Mujahideen (IM) has over the years emerged as the country’s most lethal outfit whose rationale is revenge and prime motivation gruesome attacks in crowded places. Its main proponents are still enjoying safe sanctuary in Pakistan. LeT enjoying enormous patronage from elements of ruling establishment and the armed forces in Pakistan is too well known.

However, now the terrorist are striking at political rallies also. The terror attack on the massive “Hunkar Rally” (one of the biggest rally in the history of India) in Patna in October last year addressed by Shri Narendra Modi only shows that terrorist can strike at will. The rally was planned months in advance and the authorities were duly informed. However, purely for vote bank politics the State Government deliberately did not undertake necessary security drill and the Government of India too did not ensure adequate steps. It is to be noted that the Patna district police was ready with all the measures to ensure safety and security but at the last minute why it was not executed remains a serious mystery and there must be an objective and fair probe to fixed responsibility. Infact the objective was to prevent Shri Narendra Modi from addressing the massive crowd in which the terrorist wanted to create mayhem by series of bomb explosion. It is a matter of great pride that Shri Modi inspite of repeated suggestion of the securities forces chose to go and addressed the meeting with great courage and appealed for calm under extreme provocation. We salute the heroic people of Bihar who inspite of repeated bomb explosion and injuries showed great courage did not panic and heard Shri Narendra Modi with rapt attention. The same Indian Mujahideen group which had executed terrorist attack at the Bodh Gaya temple also unleashed almost a serial bombing at the Patna rally. They knew that the Government will not target them. Many lives were lost and sheer providence saved many senior leaders present in the rally. Apart from other parts of the country Bihar of late is becoming the new safe heaven for terrorist. The notorious terrorist Yasin Bhatkal has raised and trained many modules in Bihar who later on struck at will yet no action was taken in time against these modules.

### **The fight against terror mortgaged to vote bank politics**

The fight against terror in India has now been mortgaged to the compulsions of vote bank politics. The UP Government publically sought to withdraw pending cases against terrorist which could be stopped

only because of court intervention. The Home Minister of India has in the most shameful manner openly asked the Chief Ministers to review cases against those belonging to the minority communities. This is patently unconstitutional. Guilt or innocence cannot be decided upon religion or beliefs. It is the nature or gravity of crime which is important. Such a directive would only demoralize the police and security forces. It is downright appeasement. Mr. Shinde had earlier raked up the bogey of saffron and Hindu terror forgetting completely that terrorism has no colour or religion and that saffron and Hindu tradition represents the finest strands of our civilisational and cultural heritage. Obviously his comments gladdened the hearts of terrorist in Pakistan. Hafiz Saeed the mastermind of 26/11 Mumbai attack publicly welcomed it. The fact that Mr. Shinde expressed regret that he had no intention to hurt either the BJP or RSS will not deny Pakistan and terrorist there to point baseless accusing fingers.

The BJP firmly believes that normalcy in relationship with Pakistan is not possible unless it takes decisive action against terrorist elements operating from its soil against India – a commitment which Pakistan acknowledged in the January 2004 agreement between then Prime Minister Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee and President Musharraf.

There is a need for capacity building in the fight against terror. Appeasement and vote bank politics will always embolden the terrorist and their patrons. It is the combined responsibility of the centre and the State to combat terrorism. The fight against terrorism can and must co-exist with federalism.

The National Council strongly condemns the recent communal violence in Muzaffarnagar and other parts of UP and Assam. Discrimination and appeasement has been the consistent policy of Congress, Samajwadi Party and many others which has only created communal discord and tension.

The threat of Maoism and Naxalism remains serious as ever. They continue to kill with impunity innocent mostly in the rural areas as well as large number of security forces in different parts of the country. It is a national problem but the Government lacks the vision and direction as to how to tackle it? BJP reiterates that Jammu & Kashmir is integral part of India and any design to break the unity and integrity of J&K must be opposed firmly. The Kashmiri Pandits who were forced to leave their homeland must be given respect security and opportunity to return with dignity.

## “Satyamev Jayte”

In the last twelve years the Government of Gujarat has been subjected to persistent and motivated campaign based upon falsehood. Many of this was inspired and promoted by Congress and some known NGOs and intellectuals having a deep distrust against the BJP. The whole history of Congress in fomenting communal strife and subsequently using it for political ends is too well known. In Gujarat also many riots have taken place when Congress was in power. Riots are unfortunate and those responsible must be punished. In the unfortunate 2002 riots in Gujarat many convictions have taken place after trial. The Supreme Court itself constituted Special Investigating Team (SIT) to investigate some serious cases under its own monitoring. The trial is going on. In the Godhra Case too based upon the SIT investigation, the court has convicted many persons found guilty of setting a coach of the Sabarmati Express on fire. There was a motivated campaign to question the very credibility of the Godhra incident.

However, the objective of the motivated campaign was only to somehow frame Shri Narendra Modi based upon falsehood and fabrication. The SIT also investigated under the monitoring of Supreme Court, motivated complains against him and found no evidence at all. Such an investigation report was also accepted by the court at Ahmadabad after hearing the complainant. Truth always holds together and falsehood always false apart. Shri Narendra Modi was subjected to sustained propaganda based upon falsehood and today the real truth stands validated by justice. Will there be introspection by those who perpetuated this falsehood or became victims of this propaganda. It is not surprising that those who persist with motivated campaign in Gujarat maintain a conspicuous silence on Muzaffarnagar riots and gross inhuman treatment of victims there.

It is a matter of great assurance that amidst all this motivated campaign Shri Narendra Modi devoted his full energy to give an exemplary record of good governance and all round growth in Gujarat where there has been no riots at all for the last 12 years. There is peace, amity, brotherhood and all round development of all segments of society including Muslims whose growth rate in Gujarat is the highest in the country. Shri Narendra Modi has been repeatedly elected by the people of Gujarat and the people of the country eagerly await to bless him to lead the country too. However, when Dr. Manmohan Singh makes a highly deplorable

comment that it will be a disasters, if Shri Modi becomes the Prime Minister of India, then he too, is becoming a deliberate part of the campaign of falsehood which has always failed and will fail again.

### **Women Security**

If India has to grow, its women must feel safe and secure. Though some legislative and administrative measures have been taken, which the BJP has fully supported, the growing cycle of violence against women in different part of country still continues which is a matter of deep concern. It is a matter of collective responsibility where tokenism must be replaced with improvement of police and legal infrastructure on a priority basis with proper monitoring to ensure punishment of the guilty. BJP firmly believes that India cannot progress unless women are given due respect, recognition, safety and security.

### **State of drift in the management of foreign policy.**

There is a complete drift in a management of India's foreign policy. The manner in which Indian diplomat Devyani Khobragade has been treated in the USA only reinforces this impression. Foreign policy must be conducted consistent with the needs of a country of the size and status of India. Decisions are taken on adhoc basis. Today relationship with practically all the neighboring countries is at an all time low. There has been a repeated incursion by China into our territory. The continued attacked by Pakistani forces and the terrorist group patronized by them around the line of control has not been handle effectively. The BJP would like to reiterate that the morale and self respect of Indian security forces must not be allowed to be compromised. The BJP strongly condemns the attack on Hindus in Pakistan and Bangladesh. The government must take all measures to ensure the safety and security of Hindu minorities in these two countries. The BJP demands that the fisherman of Tamilnadu and adjoining areas must be given proper protection security and safety against any harassment by the Sri Lankan forces. Apart from border security our marine security is equally important for which proper steps needs to be taken. We stand committed to reinforce the dignity and self-respect of India as an important country of the world.

### **Decline of Institution**

The UPA Government has lurched from controversy to controversy and in the process has also created conditions for the decline of institutions.

Today the Planning Commission has been rendered nearly irrelevant because of the overpowering role of the National Advisory Council (NAC) headed by Smt. Sonia Gandhi. When the CAG sought to seek accountability from the Government for its misdeeds, even senior ministers unleashed scandalous attacks on this constitutional body. Even the sanctity CVC was compromised by making questionable appointment which was quashed by the Supreme Court. The rampant misuse of CBI by the Government is a matter of public knowledge. Some ministers have even sought to question the judiciary when their corruption and scams have been questioned and adversely decided. On many occasion some ministers have not even spared the Election Commission.

### **Situation in the North-East**

The BJP firmly believes that Congress collusion in massive Bangladeshi infiltration is the root cause of recurring violence in Assam. There has to be a national consensus to treat the Assam problem as an Indian Vs Foreigner issue, and not as Hindu Vs Muslim issue. However, those Hindus who are forced to leave both Pakistan and Bangladesh because of religious persecution must be given due safety and security and Refugee status. There must be a National Register of Citizen (NRC) by deleting the names of non-citizen from the voter's list in Assam. The sanctity of the tribal belts must be maintained. It is indeed unfortunate that the Assam accord concluded by Shri Rajeev Gandhi has been totally forgotten by the Government led by a party headed by Smt. Sonia Gandhi. The BJP is firmly opposed to any hurried border dispute settlement with Bangladesh and it must be a part of comprehensive solution of all issues including the most important issue of infiltration. There must be earnest effort made to find a permanent solution to the Naga issue. The disturbing reports that some part of Indian territory is being lost to Myanmar while facilitating border fencing in Manipur where even parts of the land belonging to the world renowned biodiversity park has been notified is indeed a matter of very serious concern. The Government must take prompt steps to set it right. It is indeed deplorable that the people of Arunachal Pradesh continue to suffer staple visa on their Indian Passport by China. Arunachal is an integral part of India and shall always remain so.

### **India first – Time to redeem India-BJP led NDA only alternative**

As we are approaching the Lok Sabha election we

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# Country witnessed a dark decade under UPA regime



*The Economic Resolution was moved by the Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley at the BJP National Executive and Council meeting held at the Ramlila Maidan, New Delhi on January 18, 2014. This resolution was seconded by Former BJP National President and Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Chairman Dr. Murli Monohar Joshi and former BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari.*

*The Economic Resolution expressed great concern about the state of the health of Indian economy and said that the country has witnessed a dark decade under the UPA regime. The Congress led UPA government has failed on all economic parameters and has consequently let the country down. During the decade prices, corruption, interest rates, fiscal deficit, current account deficit, unemployment, agriculture input cost increased manifold putting the people into real hardships. On the other hand GDP, employment opportunities, infrastructure development, real wages of workers, margins of the farmers went down.*

*The resolution emphasized, "What India now needs is a real dose of political leadership to put the derailed economy back on the tracks. Therefore, BJP has presented to the nation a decisive and progressive leader in Shri Narendra Modi. The voters this time are not only voting for a change but they are voting to give decisive mandate which can change the course of the India's economic development". We are publishing the full text of the Economic Resolution for our esteemed readers:*

## THE WASTED DECADE

The country has witnessed a dark decade under the UPA regime. The Congress led UPA government has failed on all economic parameters and has consequently let the country down. During the decade prices, corruption, interest rates, fiscal deficit, current account deficit, unemployment, agriculture input cost increased manifold putting the people into real hardships. On the other hand GDP, employment opportunities, infrastructure development, real wages of workers, margins of the farmers went down. It is ironical to see global growth picking up and India growth going downwards. Congress regime of ten years proved a disaster for the country.

The economic slump under the UPA was less about global meltdown and more about complete absence of leadership, dual power centers, bankruptcy of ideas, lack of vision, disastrous policies and inherent corruption. It was a wasted decade in which the country saw decline of all sectors, be it education, health, economy, politics or governance. Overall it proved a regime of rapid moral degradation.

Inflation has become one of the biggest failures of the economist Prime Minister. He conceded that on multiple occasions. Along with inflation, corruption has become another hallmark of the UPA regime. Both have crippled the Indian economy. It was degeneration all over. Index of Industrial Production constantly remained in negative zone. All sectors including manufacturing, mining, steel, power and infrastructure have suffered. Farmers and working class were worst hit by UPA's anti-farmer and anti-labour policies. Income and regional disparities increased and so did the unemployment. Overall, the country suffered and the buck stops at the door of the Prime Minister and the Congress party.

## SOUND INHERITANCE

The UPA inherited a robust economic growth at 8.4% in May 2004. There was economic consolidation. We were a current account surplus state with moderate inflation and brisk infrastructure activities thereby ensuring faster job growth. The country witnessed a low interest rates regime ensuring rapid growth in exports. It was an ideal situation for a new government

to build upon. The Finance Minister Shri. P. Chidambaram had to admit in his first budget speech on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004 that *“the economic fundamentals appear strong and the balance of payment is robust”* and *“Growth will be sustained by increased production and value addition in agriculture, a marked improvement in industrial production, and continued buoyancy in the performance of the services sector”*.

Instead, the UPA government exhausted all these opportunities and took the country’s economy back by many decades. UPA inherited a growth rate of 8.4% and inflation rate of 4% from NDA. It converted the blooming economic environment into despair and now when it is demitting office the growth rate hovers around 4.8% and inflation has been near in double digits.

### **INFLATION**

The inflation remained in double digits for most of the UPA regime. The government defended the rise in prices with many absurd arguments. First it said that globally food prices are going up but factually prices world over grew by meager 3%-5%. It was argued that the demand has grown as people have started eating more. After ridicule from all over the country they beat a hasty retreat. They blamed it on global fuel price increase. The fact is that global prices are hovering around \$100 per barrel for many years now but the government deregulated fuel prices and imposed a tremendous burden on the people.

Instead of addressing the supply side issues to arrest inflation, the government continued with squeezing the demand and investment by raising the interest rates for 17 times. It mismanaged the food stocks and allowed it to rot in the open without bringing it into the market. Failure to adopt a comprehensive strategy resulted in ever rising prices. Government was clueless and even the Prime Minister pleaded helplessness when he said *“money doesn’t grow on the trees”* and even said that *“we don’t have a magic wand”*. The Government tried to pass the buck on the RBI for its own failure.

People have suffered and their living standards have been adversely affected. Real wages decreased and malnutrition increased. People just above the poverty line hunched down into the poverty trap. Ultimately inflation is a process whereby the real assets are transferred from the poor to the non-poor segments.

### **UNEMPLOYMENT – A MAJOR THREAT**

NDA during its six year could generate 65 million

jobs successfully through its public investment in infrastructure and low interest rate regime ensuring private investment in housing, telecom, irrigation and other sectors. The export competitiveness of industries grew and therefore the jobs.

The UPA reversed the process and high interest rate became the order of the day. Sluggish infrastructure growth and indecision blocked job opportunities in other sectors as well. In its ten years UPA was able to achieve only a miniscule of what NDA achieved in its six years tenure. This has to be read with the fact that every year more than 20 million youths enter into the job market. More worrisome is the situation that more than 20 million employed people have lost their jobs during the UPA regime. The textile, diamond, services sector and many small scale industries witnessed large scale retrenchments and layoffs. More than 25% of SMEs have either closed in last ten years or are on the verge of closure. This has resulted in large scale unemployment.

The government came out with the ambitious skill development program for 500 million youths over 20 year period but failed miserably. The Government messed up right from the conception of the program. In July 2008, they formed PM’s National Council on Skill Development. In the same month they created National Skill Development Coordination Board. For two and half years nothing moved. In 2013, GOI issued an order that a new National Skill Development Agency which will subsume earlier three offices. So far for five years nothing has been done on the ground. The focus on skilling has been diluted from PM’s council to his advisors office and further to an agency to be chaired by a Cabinet Minister. They wasted the global opportunities to take advantage of the demographic dividend by not providing the required global skills. The youths of the country will never forgive this government for not generating employment for them.

BJP has a track record of generating employment and will offer a New Deal for the youth in the form of employment.

### **CORRUPTION - THE REAL KILLER**

The corruption indulged into by the UPA government had drastic effects on the core sectors of the country. 2G, CWG, Coalgate, VVIP Chopper Scam and other scams have crippled a variety of sectors of the economy besides the loot and plunder involved in it. The corruption affected in two ways. One is a huge loss to the state exchequer and the second is huge increase in the NPAs of the banks.

The Telecom sector was growing at a breakneck speed and it required more and more spectrum. If the government would have gone ahead with a transparent auction process the sector would have progressed seamlessly and the country would have benefited with the auction money but the Congress converted the spectrum sale into a worst kind of corruption. Rs. 1.76 lakh crore scam restricted the sector's growth and resulted in a situation where the buyers for the spectrum look to auction with suspicion and uncertainty as the industry has lost hope in the government processes.

The mining sector is completely destroyed and as a result not only production has taken a hit but industry has come to a grinding halt.

The coal which would have been ideally exported is now being imported in large quantities due to the scam in coal block allocation and its aftermath. If the government would have followed a transparent process, the industry would not have been destroyed.

The VVIP Chopper Scam and other defense scams have not only sullied our image but have also adversely affected our defense preparedness. Italy, the country which was to benefit from this deal, has gone ahead with the entrapment and prosecution of the middlemen and bribe givers. But India, which is the losing country due to loss of money in this bungling, chose to look the other way. The main middleman Christian Mitchel is not being probed. The other middleman Haschke N Gerosa has put in his diary the abbreviations 'AP' and 'FAM' as the political recipients of the bribe. The Italian Court and the prosecutor have asked the middlemen about the identity of 'AP' and 'FAM' but CBI did not think it fit to ask these genuine questions.

### **FINANCIAL SECTOR IN TURMOIL**

The financial sector is presenting some serious concerns. The banking system is in serious trouble with rising NPAs to the tune of Rs. 1.5 lakh crores. The stagnant loans and the demand for CDRs are on a rise. The stagnancy in telecom sector is in the region of 2 lakh crores and that of power sector is around 2.5 lakh crore. Besides, the mining, textile, aviation and infrastructure sectors are also witnessing huge outstanding loans. This has gravely impacted the balance sheets of banks and has a cascading effect on the financial sector.

### **TAX REFORMS AND BLACK MONEY**

The needed tax reform could not materialise due to inept handling by the UPA government and its failure to address concerns of the states. BJP is committed to the rationalization and simplification of the tax regime.

Black money continues to haunt Indian economy. The UPA government even did not complete the formalities after ratification of UN Convention against Corruption. BJP has launched a nationwide campaign against black money through its yatra against led by Shri. L K Advani and it made black money one of the main issue in the 2009 elections. We reiterate our stand against the black money and our resolve to bring it back through necessary legal and other decisions.

### **POLICY PARALYSIS**

The UPA government was ridden by perpetual indecision and policy paralysis. Numerous projects worth lakhs of crores are stuck in the pipeline awaiting clearances. Hundreds of proposals got stuck for environment clearance due to extraneous considerations. Many other projects got stuck in the PMO for variety of other reasons mainly, interference from NAC and real power centers. The result was disastrous. The Prime Minister setup ECOM for faster clearance but nothing moved on the ground. Policy paralysis became synonymous with the Congress rule.

### **FREE FALL OF RUPEE**

When the economic situation deteriorated due to the ineptitude and inept handling the result was large fiscal deficit. The imports grew phenomenally and the exports growth did not match resulting in huge current account deficit. This situation led to the freefall of rupee vis-à-vis dollar and other currencies. When NDA demitted office the rupee was trading at Rs. 45 per US dollar and now it is traded at Rs. 62-65 per US dollar. The Rupee depreciated by 40% in the UPA regime.

Government tried to convey that all the currencies have taken the hit after the announcement of US Fed on quantitative easing. But the fact was otherwise; no other emerging economy saw as much volatility as witnessed in our country.

The country experienced many disastrous consequences due to the freefall of rupee. Imports became costly thereby taking inflation to a new height and foreign education became more expensive. Nobody knows when the real stability will return as today it is the RBI which is propping up the rupee by directly releasing forex for the oil imports and by drastically increasing the customs duty on gold which threatens to bring back the hawala days.

### **RAW DEAL TO FARMERS AND LABOURERS**

The government has given a raw deal to the farmers



and the labourers. It denied farmers the real remunerative prices and consistently refused to accept the Swaminathan Formula for calculating the remunerative prices. UPA boasted that it increased MSP more than the NDA but what it did not tell was that actually input cost grew faster than the increase in MSP in its reign. The fertilizer, pesticide, seeds, diesel and all input material costs grew in leaps and bound.

The latest statistics prove the injustice meted out to the farmers as their margins have shrunk year after year during the UPA.

<b>Paddy</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
Cost of Production	742	888	1152
MSP	1000	1080	1250
Margin of Profit	34.77 %	21.62 %	8.5 %
<b>Wheat</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
Cost of Production	826	927	1128
MSP	1100	1120	1285
Margin of Profit	33.17 %	20.81 %	13.91 %

Figures: Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices

The whole agriculture sector is now in a distress and needs immediate correction. Growing number of farmers suicides, rising indebtedness, migration away from agriculture are all symptoms of this decay. The public investment in irrigation was lower than the need. Thus the UPA regime proved not only anti-farmer and anti-labour by its actions and policies but against the interest of scheduled caste, scheduled tribes and deprived segments of the society. There is urgent need to protect SMEs, tiny industries and artisans.

### **SURRENDER AT BALI**

The Government of India has compromised with the economic interest of the country by agreeing upon on Trade Facilitation at the 9<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference of the WTO at Bali. It is very strange because India has been firmly opposing the Trade Facilitation from the very beginning since 2001. This was one of the four Singapore issues which were set aside on the single handed opposition of India. India meekly surrendered to grant greater market access in order to buy a Peace Clause. As a result food security has come under international scrutiny and there are many restrictions to its enlargement. India even failed in negotiating the revision of external reference price which would have given a window to India in case of MSP and other factors.

### **MOCKERY OF THE POOR**

The skewed approach of the government was on display when it defined the poverty line at Rs. 32 per day. The confusion was confounded by various reports on poverty. The country was up and angry against this government notion of treating a person with an income of Rs. 33 per day as non poor. Even the Supreme Court castigated the government. This is the result of confusion in the government's thought process.

### **QUESTION MARK ON GOVERNMENT DATA**

First time the reliability of government data is being questioned. Recently government revised its own data regarding GDP growth of 2011-12. Correct data is the foundation of good planning. Distortion in data is a serious lacuna and must be dealt with all seriousness.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT NDA vs. UPA**

Infrastructure is key development for a growing economy. The NDA had unleashed ambitious infra projects in roads, highways, railways, ports, airports and irrigation. That changed the face of the rural hinterland and also ensured large scale job opportunities. The NDA's initiatives in expansion of education through Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, IT etc. have added a real value to the national wealth. While NDA achieved 11km of road building per day the UPA promised to double it at 22 km per day and achieved less than 2 km per day. The Electricity Act 2003 changed the power scenario of the country and presented ample opportunities to grow unhindered. UPA even wasted this chance and underachieved on its own targets. It failed on UMPP projects and on ensuring a seamless coal supply. The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the two freight corridors crisscrossing the country but even after eight long years nothing concrete is happening on these corridors. The apathy towards infrastructure has caused a further dent to the economy and employment creation.

### **INVESTORS CONFIDENCE**

A body blow was delivered to the Indian and foreign investors confidence by the UPA government with its retrospective tax proposals and flip-flops in relevant investment policies. As a result presently Indian's are investing more outside India than the net FDI inflow. The FDI announcements have not materialized and repatriation on earlier FDI is growing. This needs correction.

### **MOOD OF THE NATION**

The country deserves much better. People want

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# 2014 Election a ray of hope for crores of Indians : Narendra Modi

*In a historic speech delivered at the BJP National Council Meet on 19 January at Delhi's Ramlila Maidan, BJP Prime Ministerial candidate Shri Narendra Modi laid out a comprehensive, development oriented, inclusive and futuristic vision for India. Shri Modi affirmed that his idea of India was a nation where truth and non-violence reigned supreme, where there is a free flow of thoughts and where all faiths are treated equally. Shri Modi said that his idea of India*



*is a nation where everyone lives peacefully and harmoniously as one family, where there is prosperity and happiness, where service of the poor is nothing less than service of God, where the Matru Shakti of the nation is honored and where the Motherland is superior to heaven. The NDA's Prime Ministerial candidate affirmed that for several years the people chose rulers Shasaks, now it is time for them to choose servants Sevaks for 60 months. We are publishing the excerpts of Shri Narendra Modi's speech for the benefit of our esteemed readers.*

**S**hri Narendra Modi presented the development of India in the form of a vibrant and colourful Rainbow, where each aspect adds its own distinct colour and value to the development of India. The seven things that make up the Rainbow of India's development are,

- *India's strong and deep rooted family system,*
- *Agriculture-Animal development,*
- *India's Matru Shakti (women power),*
- *Natural Resources (Jal, Jameen, Jungle & Jalvayu),*
- *Youth power,*
- *Vibrant Democracy and*
- *Knowledge*

He talked at length about each and every of the above aspects and how each is crucial to India's development.

## GOOD GOVERNANCE

On the governance side, Shri Modi said that for

him the equal development of every region is important. He asked, "Why is the Eastern part of our nation yearning for more development? Why this imbalance? I assure you that the development of underdeveloped regions remains our priority. Be it Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Assam, West Bengal and the North East, we believe in equal and all-round development."

Shri Modi categorically stated that regional aspirations should not be seen as a problem but as opportunities for development, adding that every state must have the passion to develop. He pointed that the federal structure of India must be respected not just as a part of the constitution but in letter and spirit. He said that the PM, CMs, Ministers at Centre, State must all work together, shoulder to shoulder for the development of India. He came down heavily on the big brother attitude of Delhi, saying that it should end.

He emphasized on emerging from the shadows



of bad governance and embracing good governance. Shri Modi opined that good governance is not for the rich but for the poor. He commented that only bills will not do but what is needed is 'will and dil' (heart). He added that the nation has seen several acts but now it is time for action. Shri Modi avowed that good governance is not about doles but about development and delivery. Targeting the Prime Minister for forming a new committee for every problem He said, "We do not need committees but we need commitment. The nation is already reeling under the burden of several committees formed in the last decade."

Elaborating further on the governance vision, he talked about the importance of skill development. He opined that there should be a separate court for black marketers and they should be punished at the earliest for their wrongs. He assured that all the relevant steps would be taken, including forming the right laws, task forces required to ensure that black money is back from abroad and it is used for the welfare of the poor.

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

He stressed on giving importance to next generation infrastructure including railways, gas grids, integration of river, optic fiber network etc. He called for seeing urbanization as an opportunity and not as a threat. Shri Modi talked about twin cities and satellite towns that are modern and involve latest technology. He called for giving special focus to agro-infrastructure. On education, Shri Modi asked why cannot every state have an IIT, IIM and AIIMS? On the health sector, Shri Modi commented that the focus should be on wellness instead of curing sickness. Mincing no words about the fact that dignity of women is not always respected, Shri Modi said that the days of seeing women as homemakers have gone, now it is time to see them as nation builders.

Shri Modi spoke about the vitality of creating a globally recognized and respected 'Brand India' that is built of 5 Ts- Talent, Tradition, Tourism, Trade and Technology.

#### **POLITICAL SCENARIO**

On the political front, Shri Narendra Modi launched a scathing attack on the Congress Party for their anti-people policies and the elitist statements continuously made by their leaders. Describing the 2014 Lok Sabha elections as different from all other elections, Shri Modi pointed

out that never before have things been in such a mess. He added that the 2014 Elections are not about a change of government but are a ray of hope for a billion Indians. Comparing the AICC session with the BJP National Council, Shri Modi affirmed that one was an attempt to save the party while the BJP National Council is thinking about how to save the nation.

Commenting on the failure of the Congress to declare a PM candidate, Shri Modi said that the Congress workers converged from all parts of India with a hope that the BJP candidate would be announced but all they got as more cylinders of gas. He effectively countered the view of the Congress Vice-President that the selection of PM happens by democracy and is decided by MPs. He asked where were democratic traditions in 1948, 1984 and in 2004? He further said that the real reason why the Congress is not naming the PM candidate because when defeat is starring at their face, no mother would ever sacrifice her son. Shri Modi also said that the Congress will give tickets to those people who have the Congress in their hearts whereas the BJP will give tickets to those who have the interests of the nation in their heart.

Taking on the elitist remarks by Congress leaders and their anti-poor mindset, Shri Modi said that now all tea-sellers are experiencing a sense of pride across the nation. He remarked that some people have been brought up in such a way that they cannot see children of poor families, children belonging to the backward sections of India society rising on their own merit.

"Who Naamdar Hain Aur Mai Kamdaar Hoon" remarked Shri Modi. Shri Modi added that the atmosphere across the nation is such that even those with no association with BJP and politics are writing to him and wanting to get involved in nation building. He told the Karyakartas to give topmost importance to the polling booth, saying that is where elections are won and lost. ■

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country to move speedily on the path of holistic growth, ensuring full employment, freedom from ever rising prices and corruption. BJP is committed to navigate the Indian economy to the new height with innovative ideas from the muddle created by the UPA. BJP states have showcased how economic development is possible even in unfavorable situations. BJP has a clear cut vision for the sound and sustainable economic development ensuring faster growth. This was visible during the NDA regime under visionary leadership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

What India now needs is a real dose of political leadership to put the derailed economy back on the tracks. The country can no longer afford any further political experimentation at the cost of economic mismanagement that the country has enormously suffered under the Congress led UPA regime. Therefore, BJP has presented to the nation a decisive and progressive leader in Shri Narendra Modi. The people of the country have offered tremendous support to the BJP campaign. Voters this time are not only voting for a change but they are voting to give decisive mandate which can change the course of the India's economic development. People this time are voting for the country and for its economic revival. ■

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notice a powerful desire for change in the country. People want India to be redeemed from the ten years of misrule, corruption, inflation rising unemployment and declining growth which have become the defining feature of the Congress led UPA government. They want India to be retrieved. They recall with great pride the great legacy of hope of the Government led by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee which by its performance and good governance has propelled India on the high road of growth. Today there is gloom and despair. It's a matter of great pride that when the nation's growth rate is at below 5% under the UPA, most of the BJP and NDA ruled states like Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa and Punjab are recording an impressive growth rate of 10% plus. This has been possible because of good governance and a clear focus on growth with equity.

### **India wants change – Indian deserves change and freedom from Congress misrule**

It is time to arouse and awaken the country and generate a hope for decisive change. Such a change can be brought only by a resurgent BJP and a leader with an impeccable record of governance, integrity and decisive leadership of Shri Narendra Modi. Obviously those who have overtly and covertly supported the Congress in the last many years and those who have managed to come to power upon the same corrupt crutches of Congress whom they have condemned all along can never become a genuine and real alternative to the misrule of Congress. The nation wants “Congress Mukh Bharat”.

**Legacy of Congress – Policy paralysis, lack of leadership, lack of growth, inflation, unemployment, corruption, an insecure India where the moral of armed forces is low including weapons and arms supply in a very unfortunate state**

**Promise of BJP - To address the problems of the country by a decisive Government with a strong leader and a promise of all round development of poor, farmers, labourers, youth, lower middle class and middle class, SC, ST, backward class, minorities and all other segments of society and regions of the country with good governance and accountable government. Appeal to the country to vote for BJP**

The BJP wants to assure the people of India that our slogan is “India First” – an abiding commitment to give India its rightful place – an India of hope – an India which is safe and secure – an India where there is good growth with equity which is all pervasive and genuinely inclusive. This can only be possible if there is a Government which can deliver good governance and unfolds all round developments. Therefore, our motto is 272+ so that India gets a very stable Government which can accord the rightful place of this great country which Indians so richly deserve. The massive support to the BJP all over the country as is evident from the huge turnout in rallies of Shri Narendra Modi everywhere indicates the mood of the country. The National Council appeals to all the Party workers to dedicate themselves fully to this motto of India First and fan out in every part of the country, connect with every house hold and awaken every Indian for decisive change. For this end the National Council humbly appeals to the people of the country to give a decisive mandate to the BJP for better and promising India. ■