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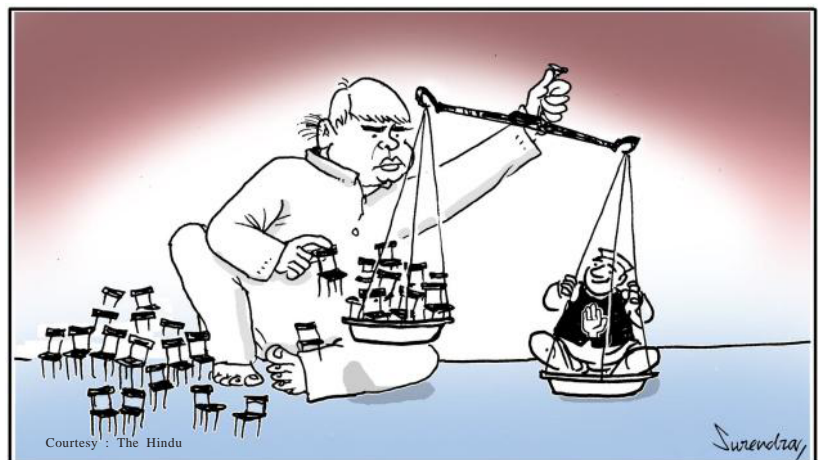
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You certainly have the right for prescribed activities but never at anytime in their results. You should never be motivated by the results of the actions, nor should there be any attachment in not doing your prescribed activities. – (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 47)

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“The Congress Party and its government have destroyed the communal and social harmony of India. The BJP has always pursued the path of harmony and positive secularism. We believe in Insaf and Insaniyat.”

-Rajnath Singh

“Times & thinking have changed! Development is only way ahead. BJP believes in development & we will carry forward good work started by Atalji”

-Narendra Modi

Chaitra Mela at Tara Tarini: March 18-April 17, 2014

The Chaitra Mela also known as Chaitra Yatra or Tara-Tarini Mela is observed in the month of Chaitra. It is one of the biggest fairs, taking place in India during the Hindu month of Chaitra (i.e. mid March-mid April according to the English calendar) and huge congregation takes place at the Tara Tarini Adi Shakti Peetha in Ganjam district of Odisha.

It is believed that the Tara Tarini Shrine is one of the oldest pilgrimage centers and Sthana Peetha of the Mother Goddess and is one of the four major ancient Shakti shrines in India. The Hindu religious texts recognize four major Shakti Peethas at Bimala (Pada Khanda) inside the Jagannath Temple (Puri); Tara Tarini (Sthana Khanda), near Berhampur; Kamakhya (Yoni khanda), near Guwahati; and Dakshina Kali (Mukha khanda) in Kolkata. Puranas believe that there are 52 sacred Shakti Peethas, 26 Upa Peethas and some Maha Shakti Peethas originated from the limbs of Mata Sati’s corpse in the Satya Yuga after the Daksha Prajapati’s Yajna episode.



Lakhs of devotees, sadhus, Sanyasis and Shakti Upasakas come from various corner of the world in order to take a dip in the holy Rushikulya River and have darshan of the twin Goddess Tara Tarini. Grand congregations take place on the Tuesdays falling in the month of Chaitra. This year the month long Chaitra Mela / Yatra begins on March 18 and concludes on April 17. The Chaitra Tuesdays of this year fall on 18 & 25 March & 1st, 8th and 15th April 2014. The Chaitra Mela is significant for several reasons – Chaitra Mela is the longest fair celebrated at any Shrine in India which takes place for a period of one month. The four Tuesdays of the month are considered to be the most auspicious days to get Siddhi. Therefore, lakhs of devotees congregate during these days. Another unique feature of the Chaitra Mela is the mass feast by the devotees spread across the Shrine where thousands of people, families and groups make food under open sky as an offering to the goddesses upon fulfillment of their wishes. This oldest form of Puja still survives at this shrine. Another traditional form of Bhakti which is seen here is the mass tonsuring of Hair of newborn babies during this auspicious period to protect the newborns from all evils and ensure their well-being with Chaturbarga Phala i.e. Dharma-Artha-Kama & Mokshya through out their life. This fair is a confluence of multiple ethnic cultures, traditions and is a true celebration of India’s ancient Shakta tradition where the mother goddess is worshiped as the embodiment of feminine energy, compassion and spirituality. The historic significance of Tara-Tarini Hill Shrine in the Hindu pantheon adds to the grandeur of this fair whose magnitude and sanctity continue to captivate the humanity since time immemorial.



Festival of democracy begins!

The bugle for Lok Sabha elections 2014 has been sounded. For the first time elections are going to take place in nine phases. The elections for 16th Lok Sabha will start from 7th April and conclude on 12th May. The counting will take place on 16th May. The elections for legislative assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim will also take along with it. The option of NOTA will be available for the first time in Lok Sabha elections. In the course of Lok Sabha elections, by-elections for two dozen legislative assemblies of eight states will also take place. This time around 81.4 crore voters will exercise their franchise. This time there will be 10 crore new voters.

Elections are called festival of democracy and this is general election which means grand festival of democracy. India is the largest democratic country of the world. The roots of democracy are continuously getting strengthened here. Electoral violence has nearly come to an end. Indian electorates have given fitting reply to those dismissing democratic system. Even in the face of Naxal threats to boycott elections people have voted fearlessly and overwhelmingly in the elections. But only voting in the elections is not democracy. Democracy will become strong only if voting is done after giving proper thought to it. Democracy will become lively if worthy candidates of clean image are elected without any fear or favour, free from the considerations of caste, religion and regionalism and by defeating money power and muscle power.

Bharatiya Janata Party had declared Shri Narendra Modi its Prime Ministerial candidate six months back. Vijay Sankalpa rallies are being organized throughout the country. Shri Modi and BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh are addressing these rallies. Massive gatherings are taking place in these rallies. People of every age – children, youth, women and old age people are participating in these rallies. Every rally is breaking records. It indicates that people want to hand over the reins of this country to Shri Modi. On the other side Congress is in bad condition. It failed to show courage to declare its Prime Ministerial candidate while Third Front is not being taken seriously by the people.

The wave of change is sweeping the entire country. The mood is in favour of BJP and Shri Narendra Modi. Surveys by different agencies are also predicting good news for BJP. But even after such a favourable atmosphere the BJP activists will have to work tirelessly. It is very much required that ground work is done very well and karyakartas approach almost every house and contact people. Booth level mobilization of supporters and voters is very much required.

After independence it was for the first time that country had to witness such a worst phase in the ten year rule of Congress led UPA. People are burdened with uncontrolled price rise, massive corruption and extreme unemployment. In such a scenario as a principal opposition party BJP has the responsibility to address the problems of the people. People are looking at BJP with hope and expectations. There is a very huge enthusiasm among people and they are eager to end the misrule of Congress led UPA and to make lotus bloom.

The elections this time is decisive and historic. It is the need of the hour that the reins of the nation are in the hands of Shri Narendra Modi so that India becomes a developed, prosperous and strong nation. ■

Election Commission unveils poll schedule for elections

Nine phase Lok Sabha elections from April 7

Counting will take place on May 16

The Election Commission on 05 March announced a nine-phase poll for the 16th Lok Sabha from April 7 to May 12. The counting of votes will be taken up on May 16. The model code of conduct has come into force with immediate effect. The Lok Sabha has a strength of 543 (excluding two nominated members) and the term of the present 15th Lok Sabha ends on May 31.

The nine phases of polls are to be held on: April 7, 9, 10, 12, 17, 24, 30, May 7 and May 12.

The elections to the 294-member Andhra Pradesh Assembly will be held on April 30 and May 7 along with the respective Lok Sabha constituencies in the State.

It will be on April 10 and 17 in Odisha for the Assembly/Lok Sabha and April 12 for the Sikkim Assembly/Lok Sabha seat. The Odisha Assembly has a strength of 147 members and the Sikkim Assembly 32 members. Announcing the poll schedule at a crowded press conference in Vigyan Bhavan, Chief Election Commissioner V.S. Sampath, who was flanked by Election Commissioners H.S. Brahma and S.N.A. Zaidi, said Bihar and Uttar Pradesh will have the maximum of six phases polls each, followed by Jammu and Kashmir and West Bengal five phase poll each. It will be three phase poll in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, two phases in Andhra Pradesh, Manipur, Odisha, Rajasthan and Tripura. All the remaining States and the Union Territories will have a single phase poll. A massive 81.4 crore voters are eligible to exercise their franchise through 9.13 lakh polling stations. Nearly 96 per cent of the voters have already been given Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC). ■

Narendra Modi conveys best wishes to the EC

Narendra Modi conveys best wishes to the EC for the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls, urges Indian electorate to 'Vote for India' Welcoming the announcement of the schedule for the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls by the Election Commission of India, Shri Narendra Modi conveyed his best wishes to the EC for the conducting of polls and congratulated the people of India on the commencement of the biggest festival of democracy.

Welcoming the 10 crore new voters, Shri Modi urged them to vote and play an important role in strengthening the country's democratic tradition. Shri Modi also appreciated the EC's decision of declaring 9th March as the last chance for eligible voters to get registered. Terming the 2014 polls as a historic opportunity to lay the foundation of a developed India, Shri Modi urged the electorate of India to 'Vote for India'.

State-wise polling days:

Andhra Pradesh	: April 30, May 7
Arunachal Pradesh	: April 9
Assam	: April 7, 12, 24
Bihar	: April 10, 17, 24, 30, May 7 and 12
Chhattisgarh	: April 10, 17, 24
Goa	: April 17
Gujarat	: April 30
Haryana	: April 10
Himachal Pradesh	: May 7
J&K	: April 10, 17, 24, 30, May 7
Jharkhand	: April 10, 17, 24
Karnataka	: April 17
Kerala	: April 10
Madhya Pradesh	: April 10, 17, 24
Maharashtra	: April 10, 17, 24
Manipur	: April 9, 17
Meghalaya	: April 9
Mizoram	: April 9
Nagaland	: April 9
Odisha	: April 10, 17
Punjab	: April 30
Rajasthan	: April 17, 24
Sikkim	: April 12
Tamil Nadu	: April 24
Tripura	: April 7, 12
U P	: April 10, 17, 24, 30, May 7, 12
Uttarakhand	: May 7
West Bengal	: April 17, 24, 30, May 7, 12
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	: April 10
Chandigarh	: April 10
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	: April 30
Daman and Diu	: April 30
Lakshadweep	: April 10
NCT/Delhi	: April 10
Puducherry	: April 24

To hide their failures they are hiding under the garb of secularism : Narendra Modi

Addressing the 'Vijay Shankhnaad Maha Rally' in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, on the afternoon of 2nd March, 2014, BJP PM candidate Shri Narendra Modi spoke of various significant issues including the misgovernance of the Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh and the Central government's practice of votebank politics, pursued by its tainted ministers.

Stating his displeasure and deep concern over the Central government's functioning, Shri Modi spoke of how most ministers in the Cabinet at the Centre were tainted with either a coal scam or a corruption case. "There is a limit to shamelessness. I was waiting for the Minister to say that his buffaloes getting lost is a threat to secularism. I am waiting for him to say this," remarked Shri Modi.

Stating forth how the Congress, SP and BSP parties only focused on the aspect of secularism instead of addressing the other burning issues of poverty, unemployment and corruption, Shri Modi said, "To hide their failures they are hiding under the garb of secularism and misleading others." He added how secularism for the Congress was merely a slogan while for the BJP it was an article of faith, and how secularism was about votebank politics for the Congress even as it was about 'India first' for the BJP.

Condemning the UP Government's approach, Shri Modi made a scathing attack at Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav's recent speech wherein he doubted Shri Modi's abilities. "Today Netaji accepted defeat in his speech. He said don't compete on getting people in rallies. This means he's accepted defeat in the matter of drawing crowds and thereby their support. Secondly, I have always believed in development over votebank politics. Thankfully Netaji had to leave votebank politics and talk on development. Netaji, there is reservation in electricity here. Your area gets power but others don't. There is lawlessness under your nose. Women are not safe in UP. On what basis do you

talk on 'development', said Shri Modi, while also speaking on the recent incident in Kanpur wherein students were hit by the police forces. "The nation won't accept Goondaism anymore. Netaji, let me not talk much about your working," added Shri Modi. He further requested the Shri Mulayam Singh to stop taking Shri Ram Manohar Lohia's name in his speeches, as the appalling condition of UP would have only saddened Shri Lohia.

Shri Modi gave a fitting reply to Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav on Gujarat's development,



contrasting it with the lack of development in UP under SP, BSP and Congress. "There are two groups in SP now. One is Samajvirodhi Party and the other is Sukhwadi Party. They're only enjoying themselves," said Shri Modi.

Shri Modi reminded the people of the inherent economic strength of Uttar Pradesh from Benaras Silks to Kanpur's Leather. Enumerating every city for its small and medium businesses Shri Modi criticized UP's regional parties for having failed to take these industries global to grow the economy and create jobs. "We have the Kite industry in Gujarat wherein Muslim families are involved. We have made it a booming sector with our focused development-oriented approach, and today it's above Rs. 500 crore. You make tall claims but are unable to embrace the path of development. That too when UP has so much potential," remarked Shri Modi.

Acknowledging the massive presence of

supporters at each of the eight BJP rallies organized in the State, Shri Modi said that it indicated a wave which would turn into a tsunami after the declaration of results. And he added that, after this, the trilogy of SABKA would get erased. "SABKA vinash tai hai - SP, BSP and Congress. They will be uprooted," said Shri Modi.

Empathizing with the farmers who had suffered losses owing to the recent rain and hailstorm in Uttar Pradesh, Shri Modi said, "These losses are not theirs alone. We are with the farmers who suffered losses." He appealed to the BJP workers to reach out to the affected farmers, understand their problems and to fight for their rights with the local government while extending maximum help. Shri Modi also conveyed best wishes to

the students of class X and XII who were preparing for their soon-to-be g i n exams.



Shri Modi spoke highly of the 'adab' and 'tehzeeb' of Uttar Pradesh and stated how those in the power wanted to destroy this distinctiveness of UP. Shri Modi acknowledged Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji's affection towards UP, and affirmed that for India to prosper, development of Uttar Pradesh was a must. "Atal ji said the road to Delhi is from Lucknow. India will be Samrudh when we sow seeds of Samrudh Uttar Pradesh. Else it's not possible," stated Shri Modi.

Shri Modi recalled his early days as the son of a tea-seller and how the Bharatiya Janata Party with its strength and democratic values had made it possible for him to become the Prime Ministerial candidate.

He urged the people of Uttar Pradesh to vote for the BJP in 2014 elections and show their support for development politics, even as he stated that the coming decade belonged to the oppressed, the backward, the marginalized and the Dalits.

Addressing the rally, BJP National President and former CM of UP Shri Rajnath Singh spoke of how, inspite of all the vilification Shri Narendra

Modi had witnessed in the past decade, he still had emerged as the most favoured Prime Ministerial candidate. Shri Rajnath Singh further stated that the people of Uttar Pradesh felt cheated seeing the work of the SP government, even as he highlighted how pioneering initiatives were taken for the farmers of UP when Shri Rajnath was the Chief Minister of UP. "The Congress government is surviving due to the SP and BSP support. They are looting the nation," said Shri Rajnath Singh, even as he spoke of the laxity put forth by the Central government in the Nation's security. Recalling the BJP's victory in UP in 1977, Shri Rajnath Singh urged the people to vote for the BJP by giving them all 80 seats of UP.

Speaking on the occasion, General V K Singh

stated that the time had come to destroy all such forces that were divisive in nature, and urged the crowd to be determined to vote and bring the BJP to power. He questioned the Central government's claims of doing welfare of the armed forces, and asked the crowd not to believe such misleading claims.

Former UP CM Shri Kalyan Singh termed the Third Front as the failed front, and stated how these parties lacked the agenda of development of the country, while Shri Kalraj Mishra spoke of the burning issues of communal violence and dismal law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh and called for the need to address the same at the earliest.

Former BJP National President and HRD Minister Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi spoke of the various scams under the Congress government and called for the need to bring about a change by voting for the BJP.

Other senior leaders who were present on the occasion included Sushri Uma Bharti, Shri Kalyan Singh, Shri Lalji Tandon, Shri Kesrinath Tripathi, Shri Hukum Singh, Dr. Udit Raj, and others. ■

Hunkar is not to show someone down but for our rights, to save nation from ruin and a clarion call for change

BJP PM candidate Shri Narendra Modi addressed a huge crowd of supporters at the 'Hunkar Rally' in Muzaffarpur, on the afternoon of 3rd March.

Affirming that the Hunkar rally was not an effort at showing someone down but to save the Nation from ruining, Shri Modi shared his single point of focus of ensuring growth and development.

On the occasion, former Union Minister Shri Ram Vilas Paswan and Shri Upendra Kushwaha joined the NDA. Shri Modi said, "NDA is expanding and I welcome Ram Vilas ji and Upendra ji. This expansion is not going to stop. Our strength will increase and so will the woes of others. NDA

not only stands for National Democratic Alliance but is also the National Development Alliance," said Shri Modi. He further appreciated Shri Paswan's honesty and spoke of how many other leaders, unlike him, were apprehensive in showing their affiliation to the BJP. "Ram Vilas ji left NDA but whenever we met, we met with great

affection. If media took photos, he never got scared. This is because Paswan ji has no hypocrisy, whereas some leaders will talk properly behind closed doors, and behave differently in public. People cannot forgive hypocrisy," asserted Shri Modi. He also added how the BJP's focus was to build an India where every family had a home, with water and sanitation facilities, and where there was regular power supply.

Addressing the various concerns plaguing Bihar, Shri Modi spoke of the defunct sugar factories, untapped potential of water resources, lack of

employment opportunities for the youth, erratic electricity supply and lack of proper sanitation facilities. "60 years after freedom, we need better sanitation facilities for women. Can this current government and the government in Delhi give you jobs? We also need to take Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji's river grid project ahead, but this was not fulfilled by the UPA," stated Shri Modi. He further spoke on the untapped potential of the leechi and makhana farming in Bihar and said, "If there is no Lotus where will the Makhana come from." Aspects of terrorism were duly dealt by Shri Modi when he stressed on how Bihar had become a heaven for terrorists because of the Central government's



practise of votebank politics. "We have to fight terror in one voice, rising above politics. That is when the common people will feel secure," said Shri Modi.

With a touch of rebuke, Shri Modi said that the Congress was surprised at how the BJP, which they thought was a party of Brahmins and Banias, had chosen the son of a tea seller to become a PM candidate. Emphasizing the BJP's focus on the marginalized sections of the society, Shri Modi said, "The coming decade belongs to the right of the poor and the marginalised. We are very clear on that. Wherever I go,

whoever I meet, I talk about one thing – how to solve things. Our opponents, instead, think of a solution from Modi. Modi says stop inflation, they say stop Modi, Modi says stop corruption, they say stop Modi. Their politics is only built on one dream, one agenda – stop Modi. I say Vikas karna hai, they say Modi ka Vinash karna hai. Ab nirnay desh ko karna hai.”

Shri Modi added that how under the garb of secularism the Congress government was only trying to hide away from their misgovernance and ineffective policies, and shying away from addressing the serious



threats of corruption, poverty, inflation and unemployment. Referring to Congress and Third Front parties Shri Modi said, “They rise when polls near but are asleep otherwise. They can vitiate the atmosphere but never do good for India. For them secularism is religion first but for us it is India first. For them secularism is votebank politics while for the BJP it is about development politics. *Woh todo aur raaj karo mein maante hai, aur hum jodo aur vikas karo mein.* For them secularism is about ap peasement to all and justice to none, but for us it is about appeasement to none and justice for all,” said Shri Modi.

He further urged the crowd not to support the Third Front stating that it consisted of parties that were formed to save the Congress. “Third Front consists of parties that are saving Congress. Sometimes by will or due to fear of CBI,” said Shri Modi.

Recalling the recent incident of bombing at the BJP’s rally in Patna in October 2013, Shri Modi stated

that the explosives had hit the Nation’s ekta and sadbhavna, and bowed to the people of Bihar that inspite of such threat they had shown the courage to unite and send a strong message of unity.

“Why were innocent people killed? Those who were killed were from Bihar only. Those drowned in votebank politics won’t understand the fact that without shanti, ekta and sadbhavna, the nation cannot develop. We need freedom from such thoughts and such leaders as only then will India progress,” said Shri Modi.

Shri Modi thanked the people of Bihar for showing their support towards the Statue of Unity initiative, and recalled the momentous contribution of great leaders

like Dr. Rajendra Prasad, George Fernandes and Khudiram Bose. He also remembered Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji’s efforts for Bihar’s development, some of which included the promotion of the Maithili language and the emphasis on developing the eastern corridor. “If Atal ji had formed the Government, the work on Eastern corridor would have gone on at a quick pace,” said Shri Modi.

Dignitaries present on the occasion included Former Deputy CM Shri Sushil Modi, Former Union Minister Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Shri Upendra Kushwaha, Leader of Opposition in Bihar assembly Shri Nand Kishore Yadav, BJP National Spokesperson and MP Shri Shahnawaz Hussain, BJP National General Secretary Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Lok Sabha MP Shri Radha Mohan Singh, MP Dr. Bhola Singh, MP Shri Jai Narain Nishad, Former MP Shri Arun Kumar, Former BJP Bihar President Shri Gopal Narain Singh, Shri Chirag Paswan, Shrimati Rama Devi and Shri Suresh Sharma. ■

Without freedom from Congress you won't get freedom from the evils of corruption, price rise, misgovernance and unemployment

Addressing massive rallies at Gulbarga and Hubli in Karnataka, on the afternoon of 28th February, Shri Narendra Modi gave the clarion call of making the Nation Congress-Mukt.

Questioning the lack of accountability on the part of the Congress, Shri Modi said that the sky-high arrogance of the party made them indifferent to people's needs and unaccountable for their

bothered about doing development work.

Coming down heavily on the misgovernance of the Congress, Shri Modi said that the people had understood the cause of India's debacle. He stated that the reason why the Congress was in a bad shape was because of their doings that had ruined the Nation.

Stating that corruption and votebank politics were identities of the Congress party, Shri Modi said that under them the Nation had only moved backward. "Shri Fali Nariman resigned from a committee and expressed displeasure. Congress hasn't changed its tricks. We could have reached so many places but due to sins of the Congress we are only going backward. The Nation has been ruined due to corruption. Can Congress do good for you? Can they do good for farmers? Does the youth of this nation want jobs, skill development and



behaviour. He urged the people not to support the Congress since they had broken the trust of the citizens by not fulfilling their promises. "In a democracy it is the duty of the candidates, parties to be accountable for their work. People have the right to know. A few days ago Madam came to Gulbarga, but did she tell you about their work or did she answer why the Nation has been ruined. See the promises they made in 2004, what they wrote in their manifesto and what they did about the promises. I urge people never to believe the Congress. Never trust those who stab people in the back," said Shri Modi.

Attacking the Karnataka government, Shri Modi said that the State had faced major setbacks under the current government since they were least

opportunities? Do you think Congress can give you these? Mai desh ko pai-pai ka hisaab dunga, ye vaada karta hu mai," said Shri Modi.

Urging the people to show their support for the BJP in 2014 elections, Shri Modi said, "Karnataka can give a new strength to India. From this land I have come to seek blessings of the people and for a Congress Mukt Bharat. Without freedom from Congress you won't get freedom from corruption, price rise, misgovernance, unemployment. For the poor, youth and farmer the most important things is to uproot the Congress."

Remembering the contribution of Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi and Shri Bhaurao Deshpande towards the economy of Hubli, Shri Modi addressed various issues including women empowerment and their safety and security,

provision of basic facilities to the people like gas pipelines, ensuring empowerment of farmers through value-addition of their produce, and tackling the threats of inflation, corruption and unemployment.

Hailing the democratic system, Shri Modi said that it was because of the strong and effective democratic set up that he – the son of a tea-seller – could come forward and work towards making the Nation progressive.

not made all this while. So many people gave their lives for it and I bow to them,” said Shri Modi.

He further expressed deep concern over the Congress’ behaviour of leaving Seemandhara without any tangible initiatives for the region, and said that this was because the Congress knew that they did not stand to gain anything from Seemandhara. Affirming that the development of both regions, Telangana and Seemandhara, was on the agenda of the BJP, Shri Modi said, “I will try



Shri Modi also emphasized on giving due importance towards making agriculture technology-oriented and ensure availability of good infrastructure for the same. He spoke of how the three important aspects of agriculture including traditional agriculture, animal husbandry and planting trees on the borders will ensure improved living conditions for the farmers.

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Speaking on the recent separation of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Modi mentioned that while the BJP was in support of creating Telangana, they did not want it at the cost of ruining the peace and progress of Andhra.

“See what happened in Andhra Pradesh. We wanted Telangana and we wanted the development of Seemandhara, but the Congress killed the Mother so as to ensure the birth of the child. It is due to the Congress that Telangana was

to go to Seemandhara as soon as possible and share the pain of the people. No stone will be left unturned to mitigate their pain.”

Shri Modi also spoke of the pioneering Statue of Unity initiative that would be a tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel’s monumental contribution in the Nation’s freedom struggle, and reflected upon the Sardar Patel’s significant efforts at freeing Gulbarga and Karnataka from the reigns of the Nizam. “Sardar Patel was with a Congress that believed in integration, but the Gandhis today walk on a different path,” said Shri Modi.

Applauding the people of Gulbarga for having shown their support by being present in large numbers during the rally, Shri Modi stated that they had created history and thereby proved that Karnataka could do the same in the 2014 elections. He said that this wave of support had the power to become a tsunami in 2014, and wash away the Congress. ■

Our alliance with Akali Dal is not merely a political alliance to fight elections...this is an alliance highlighting the togetherness

Shri Narendra Modi addressed a massive crowd of supporters at the Fateh rally in Jagraon, Punjab, on the afternoon of 23rd February.

Speaking of the strong bond shared between the BJP and the Shiromani Akali Dal, Shri Modi said, "Our alliance with Akali Dal is not merely a political alliance to fight elections...this is an alliance highlighting the togetherness!" He spoke of how this strong association has given troubled times to the Congress since, under the BJP-Akali alliance, they were unable to follow their policies of 'divide and rule'.

Appreciating the relentless efforts of Punjab CM Shri Parkash Singh Badal at charting the growth story of Punjab, whilst highlighting how the people of Punjab had shown their support for development by reelecting Shri Parkash Badal for the second consecutive time, Shri Modi said, "It was believed that incumbent governments change but Badal Sahab broke that trend. Punjab chose development."

Shri Modi stated that the unison of thoughts of Punjab Chief Minister Shri Parkash Singh Badal and Punjab Deputy CM Shri Sukhbir Badal would successfully take the state forward in its development journey, as while Shri Parkash Badal's focus was on ensuring the welfare of farmers and grassroots development, Shri Sukhbir

Badal took the lead in ensuring industrialized growth. "If you talk to Badal Sahab even for 10 minutes he will talk about farmers 10 times. And Sukhbir ji thinks on industry and cities. Badal Sahab and Sukhbir ji are a wonderful pair. They will drive our growth," said Shri Modi, while stating that Shri Parkash Badal's organizing of



Krushi Melas had proved to be a big step towards making agriculture modern, even as the recent convention of world-class industrialists in Punjab, under the leadership of Shri Sukhbir, had given a push to the State's industrial growth.

Shri Modi expressed strong displeasure at the rampant corruption in the current-day government, and spoke of how the only focus for Congress was on glorifying their own family, instead of remembering and following leaders like Lala Lajpat Rai. "Sadly the Congress believes that only one family needs to be glorified. They forget Lala Lajpat Rai, but Badal Sahab remembered them," said Shri Modi. He also spoke of how he had closely worked with senior leaders like Shri Parkash Singh Badal, Chaudhary Devi Lal, Chaudhary Bans Lal and even Farooq Abdullah ji,

during his early days of organizational work in Punjab, and shared details of how he had learnt and imbibed the effectiveness of these leaders.

Speaking at the rally, Shri Modi duly acknowledged the contribution of the people of Punjab in the Nation's growth story, and especially in the domains of agriculture and national security. He underscored the need to give a boost to agricultural activities by focusing on the three important aspects of procurement, management and distribution. Stating that value-



addition and increase in productivity per acre was the need-of-the-hour for agriculture, Shri Modi said, "Our priority should be how to increase productivity per acre and bring technology in agriculture. For this, I suggest that the FCI be divided into three parts: one that will focus on procurement of grains, second on its storage and the third on the distribution of grains." Highlighting the indifferent attitude of the Central government towards the farming community of India, Shri Modi stated how the Minimum Support Price was declared year after year, but its implementation remained limited only on paper.

Shri Modi also saluted the 'veerbhoomi' of Punjab which had given many sons to the Indian army, sacrificing their lives for the service of the nation, but strongly condemned the announcement of the 'One Rank One Pension' scheme for the servicemen by the Centre, mentioning that similar announcements were made during the reign of many Congress Finance Ministers, but the same never got implemented. "One Rank One Pension

was a long standing demand. Sadly the Centre plays with the emotions of our servicemen," said Shri Modi, while also calling for the need to make our borders safe, citing it as the need-of-the-hour.

Shri Modi urged the people to vote for the BJP in the 2014 elections, and assured them of pro-people governance. "During elections NDA is National Democratic Alliance but in Government we work as National Development Alliance: I will not go as a PM but as a Chowkidaar. I will never let any Hand touch the coffers," said Shri Modi,

while taking a dig at the rampant corruption levels in the Congress government that had emptied the coffers meant for people's progress.

Recalling the strong ties shared between Gujarat and Punjab, Shri Modi spoke of how farmers from Punjab settled in Kutch, had made the region turn into green fields from being a

barren land. He also highlighted the attribute of adaptability common to both communities by saying, "Go to any part of the world, and you will see a Gujarati family and a Sikh family. They are living peacefully with the society." He further assured the Sikh farmers residing in Kutch that under no pretext will they be ever made to leave Gujarat. "This nation is one and every person is together: No Sikh farmer will leave Kutch. An officer can go but no Sikh farmer will leave Gujarat, and I am very clear on this," said Shri Modi.

Shri Modi spoke of Punjab's inspiring influence on the rest of the Nation by mentioning how the food and songs of the State were enjoyed by people from the rest of the country. "Your blessings are not only political. They are for making India a Vishwa Guru," said Shri Modi, while appreciating the impact Punjab had on entire India.

Dignitaries and senior party members present during the rally included Shri Rajnath Singh, Punjab CM Shri Parkash Singh Badal and Deputy CM Shri Sukhbir Badal. ■

2014 Elections mark the beginning of the end of the Congress "India will become Congress Mukt"

Shri Narendra Modi addressed a massive crowd of supporters and karyakartas at the 'Barak Vikas Samavesh' rally at Silchar in Assam, on the afternoon of 22nd February.

Citing the Central government's lack of vision and their focus on playing votebank politics and dividing people, Shri Modi spoke of how Assam too had been a victim of this by putting forth the unfairness of the Centre in treating the tea cultivators of two different regions of the same State differently. "Why is the Congress dividing Brahmaputra and Barak valley. Why are there different prices for the labour working on tea

to fulfill people's aspirations of votebank politics, while others have come whose lives have been ruined there in Bangladesh."

He also spoke of how the lives of many Hindus faced a threat in Bangladesh, due to lack of proper security and development modules, and urged the people of Assam to show their support for those who had their lives ruined in Bangladesh and had come to India to seek refuge. "Be it any nation, if a Hindu is troubled then there is only one place and that is where the Hindu will come. Should they be treated in the same way as they are treated elsewhere? No we cannot,"



cultivation in both these regions. The government in Assam cannot do any good for you," said Shri Modi, even as he emphasized on how the tea cultivators across Assam – who gave an identity to the State – were still living in pitiable conditions, and their families robbed of good education and work opportunities. He went on to add how the neighbouring state of Bangladesh was proving to be a threat for the people of Assam, while, on the flip side, in Gujarat it was Shri Modi who was proving to be the cause of worry for the neighbouring state of Pakistan.

Highlighting the grave concern of influx by Bangladeshis, Shri Modi said, "Some people have come

said Shri Modi while citing the example of initiation of comprehensive schemes, during Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji's rule, for Hindus who had returned from Pakistan, and laying emphasis on how they were relocated to different parts of India instead of putting the entire burden on Gujarat or Rajasthan. "Only Assam taking in the Hindus from Bangladesh is not proper. All states must contribute and they must get treated well," opined Shri Modi.

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He also stressed on sending back those infiltrators

who had entered Assam for political purposes by stating that their existence in the State would rob its people of innumerable growth opportunities. “The infiltrators who have come for political purposes must be sent back there. The right of people cannot be snatched like this,” stated Shri Modi.

Expressing his displeasure at the appalling condition of people in the State and taking a dig at the anxiety that grips Assam’s CM when he hears of Shri Modi’s visit to the State, Shri Modi said, “I have heard when your CM comes to know I am coming he gets sleepless nights. Your CM came here a few days ago and made promises on things that have not been happening for years...do not trust the Congress ever. Where was your CM when there were floods in 2012? He was in USA and went to Japan then. When your CM was asked, he said I had gone to study flood management. Can we trust our future in such hands.”

Shri Modi also spoke of how the Prime Minister of India, inspite of being an MP from Assam, did not know as much about the State as Shri Modi knew from his extensive travelling all over Assam.

Shri Modi asserted that inspite of being a blessed state with abundant natural resources, Assam had been looted by the votebank politics of the Central

government. “The Assam Government cannot rise over votebank politics. The way they have abused human rights in the name of detention camps is appalling,” said Shri Modi. He also spoke of the sacrifice of Arjun, and said, “Arjun did not die for himself. He died for the sake of lakhs of people suffering in detention camps. After forming the government we will finish the detention camps.”

“Why cannot we have a hospital like AIIMS and IIM here,” retorted Shri Modi, while calling for the need to have better infrastructure and well-defined promising policies for the people of Assam.

Acknowledging and appreciating the massive crowd that had gathered to listen to him, Shri Modi said that never had such a wave been seen in Assam as the one that was witnessed there, and spoke of how he believed that this wave would soon turn into a tsunami during the 2014 elections and wash away the presence of Congress from the country. “2014 Elections mark the beginning of the end of the Congress. India will become Congress Mukta,” said Shri Modi. He further added, “The nation and our youth cannot wait any further. The poor and youth are suffering,” and urged the people to support the BJP in the 2014 elections and thereby bring about the much-needed change for the Nation. ■

Nav Chetna Rally in Agartala, Tripura

NDA was not merely a group of parties but a National Development Alliance



On the evening of 22nd February 2014 Shri Narendra Modi addressed *Nav Chetna* Rally in Agartala, Tripura. In his speech Shri Modi said that the nation has been governed by all types of parties and alliances but among all the work of the NDA under Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee stood out. Similarly, the work of the BJP and NDA governments in the states has been completely development oriented. Shri Modi said that the NDA was not merely a group of parties but a National Development Alliance that is committed to development. Shri Modi highlighted other issues regarding the lack of progress in the Northeast and presented BJP’s vision for the development of Northeast. ■

Moral isolation

By Arun Jaitley

It was about two months ago that the Union Government decided to constitute a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the alleged "Snoop Gate" in Gujarat. The Gujarat Government had already constituted a Commission of Inquiry which is enquiring into the terms of reference. The object of the Central Government was political. They wanted to embarrass the Government of Gujarat and the BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate Shri Narendra Modi. Besides being a complete abuse of power by the Central Government, the Commission appointed by the Central Government smacked of vindictiveness and arrogance. Arrogance has been the hallmark of the UPA government in the past ten years. Arrogance is a certain guarantee for political downfall. The arrogant lack humility. Arrogance isolates them from various sections of society which find their attitude unacceptable.

What happened to that Commission? One after the other retired judges of the Supreme Court were approached to head the Commission. They declined to lend themselves for this politically motivated exercise. Thereafter, some retired Chief Justices of the High Courts were also approached. Apparently they also made it clear that they were not available for such an exercise. The Government had been morally isolated with nobody willing to cooperate in

its colourable exercise of power.

Similarly, when the exercise for constituting the Selection Committee for selecting the Chairperson and Members of the Lokpal was undertaken, the Prime Minister and those sharing his opinion on the Selection Committee declined to accept any of the eminent names such as Justice Venkatchaliah, Fali S. Nariman, Soli J Sorabjee, K. Parasaran, K.K. Venugopal and Harish Salve to be members of

Committee particularly had been reduced to performing a mere clerical exercise. My objections were over-ruled without a well considered response. I had argued that the Department of Personnel had usurped the powers of the Search Committee and the Selection Committee. No meeting of the Selection Committee had decided the criteria for selection. Eminent persons should be invited to become Members and Chairperson of the Lokpal. Applications compromise with their dignity and lead to lobbying.

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the select Committee in the Jurist category. When the Search Committee was appointed the Government wanted to appoint one or more of the three Government Advocates whose names it suggested. Mrs.Sushma Swaraj declined to play ball.

I had requested the Prime Minister vide my letters dated 20th January 2014 and 30th January 2014 that the rules framed under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act were contrary to the Act. They had usurped the functions of the Selection Committee and the Search Committee. The Search

Justice K.T.Thomas have now refused to serve on the Search Committee citing similar reasons. They believe that the process being undertaken is not intended to select the best man for the job. It is now clear that the institution of Lokpal is being damaged even prior to its creation.

When eminent and independent persons of repute are refusing to associate with the search and selection exercise while suspecting the motives of the government its moral isolation is complete. ■

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Modinomics, Route to Economic Revival

By Kanchan Gupta

Frankly you don't need either a degree from Harvard or 'animal spirit' to revive the Indian economy. If knowledge imbibed at Harvard and unleashed animal spirit could have propped up the economy then it would not have been in such a sorry mess today nor would we have had to witness our Prime Minister and Finance Minister blaming the world for India's plight. This reality, however, has not prevented our Harvard educated Finance Minister from rudely poking fun at the BJP's prime ministerial candidate Narendra Modi. Among the many insults hurled by P Chidambaram is his boorish comment that Narendra Modi's knowledge of economic affairs could be written on the back of a postage stamp. True to his style, Narendra Modi has given it back in full measure and more: While addressing economists, business executives and diplomats at the India Economic Convention 2014 organised by India Foundation in New Delhi last week, he said his knowledge was far less than what could be written on the back of a postage stamp.

The irony was not lost on those who tuned in to listen to Narendra Modi talk about his economic agenda. That a Finance Minister who has spectacularly failed to halt, leave alone reverse, India's rapid economic decline would have

You need neither a degree from Harvard University nor 'animal spirit' to get the Indian economy going. What you need is common sense and commitment — Narendra Modi has both

the temerity to scoff at a Chief Minister who has stayed the course of economic growth and development and heads a State whose contribution to the national economy has helped in no small measure to keep the latter afloat tells its own story of unbridled arrogance. But while being supercilious may titillate the establishment media, it does not detract from the fact that he will be leaving the robust economy which the Congress inherited in 2004 in a shambles.

Nor can P Chidambaram's smart retort hide the fact that Manmohan Singh, touted as an 'economist' Prime Minister and wrongly credited for the 1991-1996 reforms that were part forced on us as part of a bailout package by the IMF and part driven by PV Narasimha Rao's agenda to discard the baggage of Nehruvian socialism, has singularly contributed to killing the India Story. A feckless Prime Minister who chose to be in office

as a stooge of the Nehru Dynasty and presided over a recklessly corrupt regime while feigning ignorance of the unrestrained loot right under his nose could not have been expected to fuel the economy with either policy or imagination. That many expected otherwise shows the Great Indian Rope Trick is not entirely a myth.

Speaking at three separate events in New Delhi this week, Narendra Modi demonstrated that the solution to the myriad woes that afflict the Indian economy can be found in good old-fashioned common sense and that thing called political determination. Both are understandably alien to those who survive on scraps from the high table of the Nehru Dynasty: Their Pavlovian response would be to peddle the voodoo economics of Sonia Gandhi's National Advisory Council as the prescription to cure India's creeping economic paralysis. There was a time when Manmohan Singh would, in unguarded moments of candour, call for out-of-the-box thinking — that was long before he decided to unleash his "animal spirit" only to discover even if the spirit was willing the flesh was too weak to respond to the looming crisis.

To think out of the box, to think radically, to think big and to think beyond today and tomorrow requires both common

sense and commitment – call it political determination if you will. Narendra Modi is right when he says governance is not about rocket science, it is about clarity of purpose and integrity of action. Once these are in place, the rest follows by way of forward looking policy and implementable programmes that address short-term, medium-term and long-term concerns. It is not enough to talk about reviving investor confidence so that the tap of investment is turned on. To create that confidence, good governance is

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a sine qua non as is faith in the political leadership not to be persuaded by bogus schemes of which we have seen one too many during the wasted decade of UPA rule.

When Narendra Modi talks of investing in infrastructure, reviving the manufacturing sector, nursing the agricultural sector, boosting the service sector and infusing all of them with state-of-the-art technology, he is not really saying anything radically new. To meet the demand for 10 million jobs a year, all this needs to be done. But what makes him stand out and his voice heard in the cacophony of prescriptions is the sincerity with which he says this and the experience he draws upon. He

does not pander to populism that the Congress believes fetches votes but also fetches ruination. He does not promise hollow rights but emphasises on dignity of labour and empowerment. He does not talk of giveaways but asset creation and tapping the entrepreneurial spirit and aspiration of Young India.

Many would argue that it's not pragmatic to talk about the need for Indian companies to become globally competitive and bravely confront challenges in the run-up to elections. Even in the US, Presidential election candidates, irrespective of their political beliefs, turn to peddling protectionism and raising the bogey of foreign competition.

That's considered conventional wisdom. It requires courage to turn conventional wisdom on its head and Narendra Modi has dared to do precisely that. He has talked about the need for Indian companies, big and small, to become competitive and slug it out in the global market with competitors. He has talked about the need for changing attitudes, the need to look beyond the obvious, to embrace challenge as an opportunity, to invest in technology. He frames diplomacy of the future in terms of economic engagement and trade.

That a man whose knowledge can fit the back of a postage stamp eloquently talks about next generation

technology, who calls for investment in biotechnology and environment technology, bears testimony to the stupidity of those who make bold to mock at him. Narendra Modi does not look at the small picture, the minor details, the nuts and bolts; that's the job of those who are tasked with the responsibility of implementing policy. He thinks out of the box and he thinks big. That's the way it should be. A Prime Minister should really be looking at the big picture, setting targets and goals which are seemingly impossible to meet. For evidence, go back to his speech at the BJP National Council on January 19 in which he talked of 100 new cities to cope with irreversible urbanisation, super-fast trains with dedicated corridors, new expressways and highways, and high technology-driven high yield farming, among a host of other big ticket ideas.

It would be easy to scoff at him and ask, but where will the money come from? The answer to that question is simple: Once investor confidence is restored and the economy's slide is reversed, the India Story will once again capture the global imagination. Let us not forget that despite the post-Pokhran II sanctions the BJP-led NDA was successful in mobilising resources for path-breaking big ticket projects. Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee did not allow minor details to come in the way of realising big picture ideas. A lot happened. A lot more shall happen when Prime Minister Narendra Modi takes charge. ■

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It's the influential that get Good Governance

By Joginder Singh

A person's pahunch or the ability to influence different Government offices, which determines his poonchh, or the requests he gets for individual favours, are the new currencies of Indian politics

While addressing the 45th Conference of Governors at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on February 13, the President of India asked the 26 Governors and three Lieutenant Governors who were in attendance to ensure that State Governments act according to the Constitution while safeguarding the interests of their State and the nation's pluralistic character. The President said the role of the Governors is that of a bridge between the Centre and the States. The Governors have to ensure that State Governments act according to the "Constitution while safeguarding the interests of the State. This is the unique responsibility of a Governor as he represents the Centre in the State and the State at the Centre."

Except when there is President's Rule in the State or when the State Government has been dismissed and its work cannot be carried out in accordance within the Constitution, the Governor has a limited role. There is a clear demarcation of subjects between

the Centre and the States. The main responsibility for the redressal of people's grievances lies with the State Government. Of course, all laws, which need to be applied to the entire country, are passed by the Union Government.

The truth is that most Governors are appointed on the basis on their dedication to the party in power, irrespective of which party that maybe. In fact, there have been instances wherein the conduct of the Governors has not met the approval of the courts. We have seen this in the case of Jharkhand, Bihar and Goa. Unfortunately, often a Governor's position is often a reward for past services, both legal and illegal, much like membership to various commissions and committees that are handed to pliant bureaucrats or party workers. Indeed, it is the sycophancy, not performance, which is the determining factor.

The people are aware of the laws and rules. But nominal penalties for infractions are inexpensive and less bothersome. So the result is that,

except for pious resolutions, inane statements, vociferous demands and 'regrettable' incidents, there is no rising above narrow political considerations.

In the process, the Governor's high office reduced to a sham – despite the efforts of a handful who conduct themselves creditably. In any case, a Governor is only a ceremonial cog in the machine of governance.

The trouble here is that the Government treats performers and non-performers equally. Transacting with the Government is an expensive affair. Even when all that one is seeking is a poverty benefit, upfront costs are involved, deterring the poorest.

An expanding list of benefits, protections and opportunities has been offered by successive Governments. But getting any of these is hardly easy and rarely costless. Our bureaucracies follow complex procedures that seem arbitrary. Delays are routine. Government officials sometimes humiliate those who seem to belong to the marginalised sections of society.

A whole army of middle men has come up to help ordinary Indians get what, by law or public policy, should be their right. Every village and urban slum has such people whose business it is to deal with diverse Government agencies, such as banks and insurance companies for instance, on behalf of their clients. A journalist-friend once mentioned pahunch and poonchh are the currency of

Government's delay in deciding on the mercy petition of Rajiv Gandhi's killers. The former Prime Minister was assassinated by Tamil suicide bombers while campaigning in Tamil Nadu in May 1991. The three men – Santhan, Murugan, Perarivalan – were members of the Sri Lankan ethnic Tamil separatist group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. They killed Rajiv Gandhi in retaliation after he

of death sentence arbitrary, whimsical and capricious and, therefore, inexcusable. Furthermore, such imprisonment...is beyond the sentence accorded by the courts and to that extent extra-legal and excessive”.

The Chief Justice also said that “delay in implementing the death sentence, violated a fair process...” He added, “Delay violates the requirements of a fair and reasonable procedure. Regardless and independent of the suffering, it causes, the process of execution of the death sentence, unfair, unreasonable, arbitrary and thereby violates the procedural and due process guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution and de-humanising effect is presumed in such cases... Incarceration, in addition to the reasonable time, necessary for adjudication to mercy petitions and preparation of execution, flouts the due process guaranteed to the convict under Article 21 which inheres in every prisoner till his last breath”.

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politics. Pahunch (reach) is about how widely an individual can influence different Government offices. This gives rise to poonchh (request) which is the number of people who regularly request this individual for favours. Politicians mostly build their careers by developing larger stocks of pahunch and poonchh.

Besides it is public knowledge that there is no punishment for non-performing officers or those who are corrupt or cause delay in Government work. The Government never implements the policy of perform or perish.

The classic example is the

sent Indian peacekeepers to Sri Lanka in 1987. The three were convicted and sentenced to death by hanging. A fourth person, a woman, was also given the death sentence but it was later commuted to a life term.

The men appealed for mercy but successive Presidents gave no decision until 2011 when their plea was rejected. Now, the apex court has reduced their death sentence to life imprisonment. It has rejected the Union Government's argument that the convicts did not suffer any torture or mental trauma while awaiting execution of their death sentence. “Exorbitant delay... renders the process of execution

As soon as the Supreme Court gave its order, the Tamil Nadu Government hurried to release the accused now that their death sentence had been commuted to life imprisonment. However, the apex court has stayed their release and another hearing on the matter is scheduled on March 6.

Reportedly, there are about 500 people currently on death row all over the country. One can only hope that the severe indictment of the apex court will shake the Government out of its slumber. ■

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Dysfunctional house, diseased government

By A Surya Prakash

The primary responsibility for the utter collapse of civility and debate in India's highest elected body must be borne by the Prime Minister and the Congress-led UPA regime

The 15th Lok Sabha, which ended its sittings last month, should easily go down as the worst Lok Sabha the people have seen since the two Houses of Parliament were constituted in 1952. The extent of dysfunctionality of this House not only embodied the deep crisis in the country's democratic system but also the near collapse of governance at the federal level.

While Members of Parliament across political parties must take the blame for the poor image of India's highest elected body, the primary responsibility for the collapse of civility and debate in the House must be borne by the Prime Minister, Mr Manmohan Singh, and the ruling United Progressive Alliance led by the Congress. While the House began on a relatively smooth note after its constitution in June 2009, things began to fall apart when a slew of corruption scandals came to the fore.

The first such scandal that hit the Government was the one relating to the Commonwealth Games after the Comptroller and Auditor-General reported major deficiencies in contracts and spending. Then came the really humongous scams pertaining to

sale of 2G Spectrum by then Telecom Minister A Raja and the coal scam which was about the partisan and non-transparent manner in which coal blocks were sold to private parties. These scandals too came to the fore after the CAG submitted its reports on these matters to the President.

As each scam tumbled out of the UPA's cupboard, MPs across political parties were perturbed over what seemed like open loot of the exchequer by Ministers, but the Prime Minister did nothing. He refused to have the matter probed independently by a commission or agency that enjoyed credibility in the public eye. Instead, he and his Ministers decided to brazen it out and allow the anger of MPs to spill over from one session to another.

The Winter Session of 2010 was washed out because the Government resisted the Opposition demand for a credible parliamentary probe into the 2G spectrum scandal. Similarly, the Monsoon Session of 2012 was hit by 'Coalgate' because Mr Singh, who held the coal portfolio as well when the scam took place, refused to own up responsibility for his actions

and inactions. As Parliament remained disrupted, Mr Singh and his Ministers felt safe. He and his Government were accountable to none. This stubborn contempt for Parliament and for probity in public life eventually resulted in the image of Parliament taking a severe beating.

Throughout this five-year period there has not been a single day when Mr Singh stood up, took charge, gave assurances to the Lok Sabha and led from the front. He has always behaved like a back bencher, shriveled in his seat and assumed the posture of a mauni baba. His refusal to take responsibility within the House, display leadership qualities and win the confidence of MPs has resulted in the loss of image of the House itself. Never before has a Prime Minister abdicated his responsibility to Parliament in this fashion. Therefore, his claim that "his heart bleeds" when he sees chaos in Parliament, sounds utterly hollow.

Statistics also tell us a lot about what Mr Singh and his colleagues have done to this Lok Sabha. One can pick up any parameter and one will see how weak and disabled Parliament

has become. In the 1950s and 1960s, the two Houses of Parliament met for an average of 130 to 140 days in a year. In fact, in 1956, Parliament met for 151 days. In recent years, the sittings/year is just half of what it used to be 50 years ago. Parliament sat for 81 days in 2010 and 63 days in 2013. Overall, the 15th Lok Sabha sat for just 357 days – the lowest among Lok Sabhas which have had a full five-year term.

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statistic that is worrying. There is a lot more. While the number of sittings crashed by half, almost half of these days were washed out due to protests and obstructions. Over 50 per cent of Parliament's time was lost to rowdy behaviour in 2013. The final session, which was the extended Winter Session, was the worst. The Lok Sabha did business for only 22 of the 154 hours allocated for business during the Winter Session of 2013-2014.

The effect of these disruptions can be seen in the business transacted by the House. In the early days, MPs came well prepared with supplementaries and grilled Ministers during Question Hour. Such was the alertness of MPs that Ministers approached Question Hour with much

trepidation. They would often fumble in their replies, compelling the Prime Minister to rush to their rescue. Such was the fear among Ministers that they would plead with MPs under whose names questions were listed, to stay away from Question Hour so that a difficult question was not taken up for oral answers.

However, with the passage of time, and specially during the 15th Lok Sabha, MPs began disrupting Question Hour and

this came as a big relief to Ministers. PRS Legislative Research reports on the damage done to public interest because of the disruption of Question Hour. Of the 1,100 questions

slated for oral answers in the Lok Sabha in 2013, just 56 were answered. Similarly, just 77 of the 1,100 questions listed in the Rajya Sabha were answered in that House. In other words, only 133 questions (six per cent) of the 2,200 listed for oral answers in the two Houses of Parliament in 2013 were answered last year.

A similar fall is visible in the area of law-making. The 1st and 2nd Lok Sabhas passed 333 and 327 Bills respectively. In later years, the 7th Lok Sabha, which was constituted in 1980 passed 329 Bills whereas the 8th Lok Sabha 334 Bills. In the 15th Lok Sabha, the House passed just 177 Bills. This means that the productivity of the House has crashed by at least 50 per cent over the last 25 years.

What does the 16th Lok Sabha hold for us? Mr Singh has announced that he will not be seeking office again. Also, all opinion polls suggest that the Congress is in for a drubbing. So, we should not lose hope! ■

(Courtesy: The Pioneer)

Former UP CM Kalyan Singh appointed Vice President of BJP

BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh appointed Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Kalyan Singh as the BJP National Vice President on March 3, 2014. Shri Kalyan Singh re-joined the party at its prime ministerial candidate Narendra Modi's rally in Lucknow on March 2, 2014.



BJP will address all concerns of NRI's & PIO's post elections : Rajnath Singh

The BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh launched OFBJP Hong Kong's new chapter from the party headquarters at 11 Ashok Road in New Delhi on February 27, 2014. Addressing a large gathering of NRI's assembled at India Club, Kowloon in Hong Kong through "Video Conferencing" Shri Singh assured the global Indian diaspora that after coming to power post Lok Sabha elections the BJP would address all important issues pertaining to millions of NRIs and PIO's spread all over the globe.

Exhorting the NRI's to work for BJP's victory in their areas of influence Shri Singh said that BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate Shri Narendra Bhai Modi had generated hope among the Indians to bring a positive change in the country through good governance and development. Chief Guest at the Hong Kong program was Dr. Harsh Vardhan, President Delhi BJP & Current Leader of Opposition Delhi Assembly. The OFBJP Convenor Shri. Vijay Jolly addressed the program as the Chief Speaker. BJP Spokesman Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi also addressed the NRI's via video link from Delhi.

Shri Sohan Goenka, prominent social worker and well known businessman of Hong Kong is the newly appointed Convenor OFBJP Hong Kong chapter. NRI's & PIO's (People of Indian Origin) assembled in Hong Kong were motivated to canvass among their Indian family, friends & colleagues in India to vote & support BJP and make Shri. Narendra Modi the next Prime Minister of India. This programme was organized under the 'Global Community Over Reach Programme' of the OFBJP led by its Global Convenor Shri Vijay Jolly. ■



Bangaru Laxman passes away

Former BJP National President Shri Bangaru Laxman passed away at a hospital in Hyderabad on March 1, 2014. A former Union minister, Shri Laxman, who was to turn 75 on March 17, was not keeping well for some time due to a kidney ailment and died of cardiac arrest at a private hospital at 5 PM. He is survived by three daughters and a son.

BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh and other party leaders have condoled the death of Shri Laxman. Shri Singh said "I am saddened to know sudden demise of Shri Bangaru Laxman. He was hard-working and devoted worker of the party. He held several organizational responsibilities in the party. Shri Singh added, Shri Laxman in his public and political life made special effort for upliftment of downtrodden and deprived class of society. He played major role in expansion of the BJP. With his demise, the Country has lost an important dalit leader. Expressing condolence on behalf of party workers Shri Singh prayed to the God, "May the Almighty rest his soul in peace and give strength to his family". Shri Narendra Modi tweeted "Sad to know about Shri Bangaru Laxman's demise. May his soul rest in peace." Shri Nitin Gadkari expressed his profound grief and deep sorrow on the sad demise of former BJP President Shri Bangaru Laxman. In a condolence message to the bereaved family, Shri Nitin Gadkari described Shri Laxman a dedicated party leader with strong commitment to the BJP ideology. ■

Books like this will further help in dispelling false perceptions against Modi : Arun Jaitley

The Lokarpan (launch) program of the book titled "Narendra Modi- a victim of manipulations" authored by Shri Anwar Manippadi Ex-chairman Karnataka Minority Commission, was done by the hands of the Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley Ji in the constitution club at Delhi on 27th of February, 2014. Shri Arun Jaitley was also joined by his other Rajya Sabha colleagues Shri M Rama Jois, Shri Tarun Vijay & Shri Prakash Javadekar in the inauguration of the book.

The program started by observing a 2 minute silence remembering the people killed in the Godhara train coach burning tragedy happening exactly 12 years ago on the same date in 2002 and the ones who lost their lives in the ensuing riots.

While speaking on the occasion, Shri Arun Jaitley chronologically graphed reminding the audience the slandering exercises carried out against Shri Narendra Modi since 2002 by a section of media, people and some groups having vested interests. Simultaneously he also detailed in his speech how time and again the

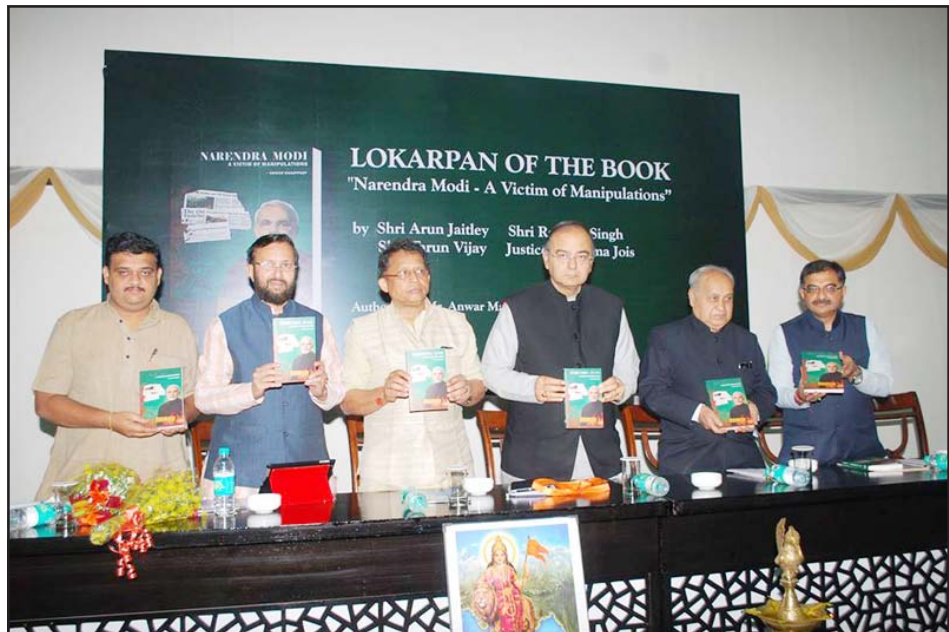
hollowness of these cooked up stories for maligning Shri Narendra Modi was exposed itself.

In the end he expressed hope that books like these will further help in dispelling false perceptions if any still exists against Shri Narendra Modi.

The author of the book Shri Anwar Manippady in his speech

highlighted from his person experiences with Shri Narendra Modi how much pain such false accusations have eventually caused to his heart as an individual.

In the end former Justice and Rajya Sabha member Shri M Rama Jois in his concluding speech talked about his vision of a ruler who functions according



talked in length about the intrigue woven around Shri Narendra Modi inspite of his tremendous efforts for the overall development and welfare of the masses in Gujarat which has eventually placed minority community living there in more prosperous situation than compared to their fellows in other states.

Shri Tarun Vijay the other speaker on this occasion

to Dharma abhorring luxuries of life and how Shri Narendra Modi perfectly suits with this description. The book has been brought out in joint collaboration of Vijaneshwara Research and training center in polity, Gulbarga and Samruddha Sahitya publication house, Bengaluru of Karnataka. The occasion was also graced by the presence of the publisher of the book Shri Harsha. (FOC) ■

Gen. V.K. Singh and Other Eminent Ex-Servicemen Joins BJP

On March 1, 2014, in presence of BJP National President, Shri Rajnath Singh Former Army Chief General V.K. Singh and other eminent Ex-servicemen Lt. Gen. P. Chaudhary, Lt. Gen. A.K. Chopra, Lt. Gen. Devraj Singh, Lt. Gen. Bahiri, Lt. Gen. P.C. Katoch, Lt. Gen. V.K. Chattervedi, Lt. Gen. Satvir Singh Yadav, AVM Bordoloi,

power will implement all the pending issues related to the Defence Forces and Ex-servicemen, which includes one-rank one pension. Procurement/Development of weapons, dignity of servicemen etc.

During his address Gen. V.K. Singh said that army persons are patriot and their very much worried about the country even after retirement and BJP is the only party whom we consider the most patriot and nationalist party that's why we join the BJP.

General Vijay Kumar Singh, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, ADC is a retired Indian Army officer (1970–2012) who served as the 26th Chief of Army Staff of



Maj. Gen. N.B. Singh, Air Commodore Vikram Singh, Maj. Gen. I.K. Chopra, Maj. Gen. S.D. Avasthi, Maj. Gen. Dr. S.S. Chauhan, Maj. Gen. R. Singh, Maj. Gen. S.P. Sinha, Maj. Gen. K.K. Bakshi, Air Com. S.S. Tyagi, Air Com. Vikram Singh, Air Com. R. Nath, Air Com. Harmesh, Air Com. V.K. Gupta, Air Com. N.K. Sharma, Air Com. V.K. Kaushik, Commodore Awasthi, Brig. C.M. Adya, Brig. Vir Pal Singh, Brig. Kushal Thakur, Brig. A.K. Srivastava, Brig. Ashok Sondhi, Brig. R.A. Singh, Brig. Virpal Singh, DIG SPS Tomor, DIG V.P. Singh etc. joined BJP at 11, Ashok Road, New Delhi.

BJP National President, Shri Rajnath Singh in his address to the Ex-servicemen reiterated the BJP's stand that the party after coming in

the Indian Army. Vijay Kumar Singh comes from Bapora village in Bhiwani district in the Indian state of Haryana. He graduated from the Defence Services Staff College as an honours graduate of the United States Army Infantry School, a graduate of the Rangers Course at Fort Benning and the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania

On 11 March 2011, Singh was inducted into the United States Army War College (Class of 2001 graduate) International Fellows Hall of Fame. He is the 33rd International Fellow and the first Indian Armed Forces officer to be inducted. Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Yudh Seva Medal for his distinguished service during Operation Pawan, Ranger Tab. ■

Global Parliament of Technocrats organized by Technocrat Cell

Global Parliament of Technocrats attracted almost 2000 technocrats, an unprecedented number to converge at BJP HQ in New Delhi for "India 2014 & Beyond" organised by Technocrat Cell of BJP. Global parliament of technocrats emphasized that for any economy, Main Basic Growth comes from "Production" activities only. Whether it is "Agricultural Production" or "Industrial Production". Service Sector growth depends on growth of production activities only. So "Growth in Production" is must.

Growth in production needs a favorable environment which can exist only if political will to provide that environment exists at the top. Technocrats deeply appreciated Shri Modi's model of sustainable and inclusive growth and conferred on him the title "Udyog Purush". Shri Rajnath Singh had instituted this cell just a month back. While addressing the technocrats from industry, IITs, MNCs, engineering institutes Shri Manohar Parrikar, alumnus IIT and CM Goa praised the efforts of convener Subodh Sharma and his team for their incredible performance in building up the Technocrat Cell. He also interacted with technocrats in foreign land through video conferencing. Sh. Trivender Rawat, Secretary BJP and Sh. Dinesh Goel (Chairman RKGIT) shared the dais and expressed their views. ■

Modi for development, Kejriwal for dharna, Rahul for lollipop

By Gautam Mukherjee

The Nixon-Kennedy debates in the 1960s were held at the beginning of the new medium of television. Kennedy was the younger, more suave, better-looking, wore better suits, carried himself with grace, and did not scowl. Neither did he have a five o' clock shadow. Nixon ended up looking disreputable on the black and white TVs of the time, and nobody listened to what he had to say. Kennedy put out advertisements asking if anyone would buy a second-hand car from Nixon and consolidated the smear.

And in the end, thanks to a very well-funded campaign, his projection as a war hero, visionary author, Harvard man etc; Kennedy managed to win the narrowest of victories. Later, after the Kennedy and Johnson administrations ran their course, Nixon put a lot of his visual shortcomings behind him and became the President. Richard Nixon's comprehensive makeover process was described in a seminal book called *The Making Of a President*. That was the beginning of the televised political campaign even as radio trotted alongside, gamely trying to keep up.

Today, with the nine Indian general election dates announced, the Model Code of Conduct in place, at least two aspirants for power are clearly television and social-media phenomena. And the presence of TV, Facebook, YouTube, digital alternate media etc. is so ubiquitous, as to have become unremarkable.

Prime Ministerial candidate Narendra Modi of the BJP is, of course, head and shoulders above the rest of the 2014 field. He fascinates the media because of his substantial oratorical skills, his Indira Gandhi-like use of local headgear, as Rajdeep Sardesai pointed out, his considerable experience and success in Gujarat, and the newness of his development message slanted towards empowering the States. Narendra Modi's bearing, natural authority, sartorial care, grooming and tone all convey subliminal messages that project the impressive future PM.

Modi has a case, Kejriwal does not

The other TV phenomenon is an upstart challenger with next to no governance credentials or political experience. But this one brilliantly manipulates extensive media coverage, despite little substance to his pitch. Without this media 'oxygen' as the senior BJP leader Arun Jaitley puts it, Arvind Kejriwal and his AAP would fade very quickly. But Kejriwal knows how to keep the spotlight on himself with ever new inventions of 'newsworthiness'.

But despite agitating his way into the national consciousness by purporting to be a corruption crusader, Kejriwal's political reality show running under the camera's gaze is increasingly coming unstuck. His on record political circus is riddled with casually sinister contradictions, bare-faced

lies, camp antics begging photo opportunities, street spectacle and sound-bites.

And in the middle of the orchestrated chaos, Kejriwal positions himself like a beggar king out to strike terror in the hearts of politicians of experience and captains of industry. He is a fanatical street agitator turned messianic pretender, grubby in sandals and sweater, coughing and smiling menacingly, spouting extravagant and far-fetched promises to cleanse the system. Meanwhile, he may well have overdone it as the Election Commission considers punishment for AAP's illegal attacks on the BJP HQ and other offices after the promulgation of the Model Code of Conduct.

When the last vote is counted for this election on May 16, it will become clear that Kejriwal and the AAP are neither larger than life, nor possessed of any substantial vision. The establishment of Lokpals and Lokayuktas is not a panacea any more than the medieval Catholic Church's appointment of Inquisitors and Witchfinder Generals.

Indeed, the blatant attempt to appoint a partisan Lokpal on the part of the outgoing UPA Government tells one that the Lokpal may become yet another ineffective 'caged parrot' of an institution. In the political evolution of a democracy, probity and integrity cannot be forcibly grafted on. If we are about to unfold a proud

electoral process in the midst of our venality and corruption, it is because the Election Commission, amongst our very many compromised institutions, has managed to stay unsubverted and capable of delivering the will and verdict of the people.

Meanwhile, the economy and polity is making ready for a Modi-led NDA Government. The stock market is poised at minor all-time highs in terms of the Nifty and Sensex numbers, the debt market is receiving substantial FII inflows, but the widening and deepening of everything as we surge towards adding another \$1 trillion in GDP is going to begin after May 2014. We are currently told, India will most probably become a \$3 trillion economy by 2021; but under NaMo/NDA stewardship there is likely to be an advance on this date.

It is ironic and a little sad to see that the Congress is truly reduced to a party of 'power brokers' as Rajiv Gandhi called it in the eighties, with no cadres worth the name anymore. That is how a negligible pretender like the AAP makes such undeserved headway in the national capital, and presumes bold enough to try and strut on the national stage. ■

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Affordable Housing in Gujarat – Making dedicated efforts towards social upliftment

Gujarat has witnessed steady economic growth during the 10th five year plan (2002 to 2007) in almost all sectors of the economy. The overwhelming response seen in the Vibrant Gujarat Global investors has reaffirmed the growing confidence of private sector investors. Various towns and cities have attracted nearly 70% of the investment in and around them.

Urbanisation in Gujarat is well above the national average at 42.6% and is estimated that it would reach 50% by the end of the year 2021. This would create a higher demand on existing available basic infrastructure facilities, and basic services. This is the scenario more or less across the country, which is also seeing a rapid rate of urban growth. This growth puts stress on basic services like affordable housing. The whole nation has geared up to take steps and engage with the growing urban population and prepare housing solutions for them. Schemes have been created, policies proposed, but the poor man remains without a roof on his head, because most of these schemes and policies have not been implemented yet. People are talking, but these talks have not been converted into effective action.

Affordable Housing is a buzzword everywhere else, but it is an issue of great interest and achievement in Gujarat. One of the basic needs that have to be fulfilled in order to provide an existence of dignity to human beings is housing. Gujarat has taken optimum steps to make the reality of affordable housing available to those from the lower economical background. The Government of Gujarat has taken up major steps to realise the future of Gujarat as a 'Slum Free Gujarat'. The Chief Minister Housing Scheme, which the Government had recently announced was designed specially for the lower and the middle income earning class. Prepared by the Urban Housing and Urban Development Department, the scheme proactively reaches out and fulfils the need of housing for the poor. The scheme understands the different requirements of people and consequently has come up with policies which fulfil their specific needs. According to the scheme, citizens earning below 1 lakh per year belonging to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category have been provided houses with the carpet area of 25-30 sq meter per house. These houses have two rooms, a kitchen, bathroom and a toilet.

Citizens earning more than 1 lakh till 2.50 lakh rupees belonging to the Lower Income Group (LIG)-1 have been provided 1 Bedroom Hall Kitchen (BHK) consisting of 31 to 41 sq meter carpet area. People belonging to the LIG-2 category have been provided 1BHK houses with 41-50 sq meter carpet area.

Citizens with earnings above '2.50 lac and till 5 lac' belonging to the Middle Income Group (MIG)-1 category have been provided 51-65 sq meter area for 2BHK housing. The State Government's focus on the details and its determination to uplift the poor and to improve the Human Development Index and hence the society, is the reason why the Government has been so productive. It has not only planned, but also implemented all its schemes. ■



Shivraj Singh Chouhan observes fast to press for Central aid

MMP Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan on March 06 observed fasting along with his Cabinet colleagues to protest against the United Progressive Alliance's anti-farmer stance and not providing grant to the frost and hail-affected farmers in the State.

At the fast site, Shri Chouhan said, "We are observing this fast to draw the attention of the Centre towards the plight of the peasants whose crops were damaged extensively due to frost, hail and excessive rain recently. We demand that the Congress-led UPA regime should provide adequate grant to the farmers." He said as many as 25,000 villages in the 49 districts were affected owing to this unprecedented natural calamity and he undertook tours to most of the

villages for the past few days and announced Rs 2,000 crore compensation from the State exchequer. "Unfortunately, Assembly's Leader of the Opposition Satyadev Katare yesterday

described my tour as 'Ola Paryatan' (Frost Tourism) and it hurts me. The Congress became insensitive towards the woes of the ryots," the Chief Minister said.

The CM reiterated that a national calamity fund should be constituted to combat such unforeseen calamity. "The people of the State stood behind farmers in their hour of crisis and provided



them all possible help to deal with the calamity," the Chief Minister said, adding that his Government has already earmarked Rs 2,000 crore for providing relief to farmers and this is just the beginning. We will take all possible measures to provide aid to the affected farmers.

"BJP leaders and Ministers are observing fast to draw the attention of the Central Government towards the plight of farmers," he said. The ruling BJP, which had demanded declaration of extensive damage to crops by rain and hailstorm in MP as a national calamity had given a call to observe a shutdown on Thursday in order to highlight the alleged apathy of the Centre towards the State's farmers. It has also demanded a special package of Rs 5,000 crore from the Centre for providing relief to affected farmers.

The CM also criticized the Centre for not providing relief to soyabean crop loss, not purchasing gram crop on MSP at Rs 3100 per quintal and for not recognizing Madhya Pradesh as a basmati rice producing region. On the occasion, he demanded to constitute a permanent National Disaster Relief Fund to deal with such crises and also appealed to people to donate generously in the Chief Minister's disaster relief fund. ■

Need to win all 11 seats in Chhattisgarh : Raman singh

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh exhorted BJP workers to live up to the promise of winning all the 11 seats in the ensuing Lok Sabha polls in Chhattisgarh. "A party workers' convention is to provide a feeling of the 'show of strength'. Based on the faith reposed on me by the party's workers, the promise that I have made to the BJP National Council of winning all the 11 seats in Chhattisgarh, it is the responsibility of workers and us to fulfill the promise" he said while addressing the party's workers convention here. Dr. Singh said that during the last Lok Sabha polls, the party won 10 out of 11 seats. "This time we would win all the 11 seats". He appealed to the party's workers to visit every village and regions at the booth level and tell people about the failures of the UPA Government at the Centre. "There is a 'Narendra Modi' wave flowing in the country including Chhattisgarh. One would have to work hard this time round to establish the BJP Government at the Centre", Singh remarked.

BJP National General Secretary and In-charge for Chhattisgarh Shri J P Nadda said, "Considering the massive crowd of party's workers, the Bilaspur Lok Sabha seat would create a winning record".

He said that the time has come to form a 'Congress free Government' at the Centre by putting the entire energy towards getting BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister of the country'. ■

Important Spiritual Instructions

By Sri Swami Sivananda

FAST

Fast on Ekadasi (11th day of the Hindu lunar fortnight) or live on milk and fruits only. Christians must fast on alternate Sundays, Muslims on alternate Fridays, and Parsis on a suitable day every fortnight.

JAPA MALA

Have a Japa Mala (rosary) around your neck or in your pocket or underneath your pillow at night. This will remind you of God. Twirl the beads during your leisure. You should repeat the Name at all times, whatever task you may be engaged in.

OBSERVE MOUNA

Observe Mouna (vow of silence) for a couple of hours daily. Do not make gestures and inarticulate noises during the period of silence.

DISCIPLINE OF SPEECH

Speak the truth at all cost. Speak a little. Speak sweetly. Always utter encouraging words. Never condemn, criticize or discourage. Do not raise your voice and shout at little children or subordinates.

BE CONTENT

Reduce your wants. If you have four shirts, reduce the number to three or two. Lead a happy, contented life. Avoid unnecessary worry. Be mentally detached. Have plain living and high thinking. Think of those who do not possess even one-tenth of what you have. Share with others.

PRACTICE LOVE

Never hurt anybody. Ahimsa Paramo Dharmah (Non-injury is the highest virtue). Control anger by love, Kshama (forgiveness) and Daya (compassion). Serve the sick and the poor with love and affection.



This is service of God.
BE SELF RELIANT

Do not depend upon servants. Self-reliance is the highest of all virtues.

HAVE SELF-ANALYSIS

Think of the mistakes you have committed during the course of the day, just before retiring to bed (self-analysis). Keep a daily spiritual diary

and self-correction register as Benjamin Franklin did. Maintain a daily routine and resolve-form. Do not brood over past mistakes.

DO YOUR DUTY

Remember that death is awaiting you at every moment. Never fail to fulfil your duties. Have pure conduct (Sadachara).

REMEMBER GOD

Think of God as soon as you wake up and just before you go to sleep, and at all other times whether engaged in any work or not. Repeat His Name always. Surrender yourself completely to God (Saranagati).

This is the essence of all spiritual Sadhana. It will lead you to liberation. All these spiritual canons must be rigidly observed. You must not give any leniency to the mind. ■

(Courtesy: The Divine Life Society)

Gauvansh Vikash Sammelan held in Motihari

Demand of time is to preserve the cow : BJP

Gauvansh Vikash Sammelan was organized on protection, preservation and development of the cow at Town Hall in Motihari (Bihar). The meeting was inaugurated by Member of Parliament Shri Radha Mohan Singh and attended by Member of Legislative Council Shri Giriraj Singh and Hridaynath Singh. Addressing the gathering Shri Hridaynath Singh said that in Indian culture and tradition cow is assumed as good as our mother and this is the demand of time to preserve the cow. Others who attended the meeting were National Convener of BJP's Cow Development Cell Shri Mayankeshwar Singh, MLA Shri Pramod Kumar, Shri Sachindra Singh and Shri Krishna Nandan Paswan. (FOC) ■

