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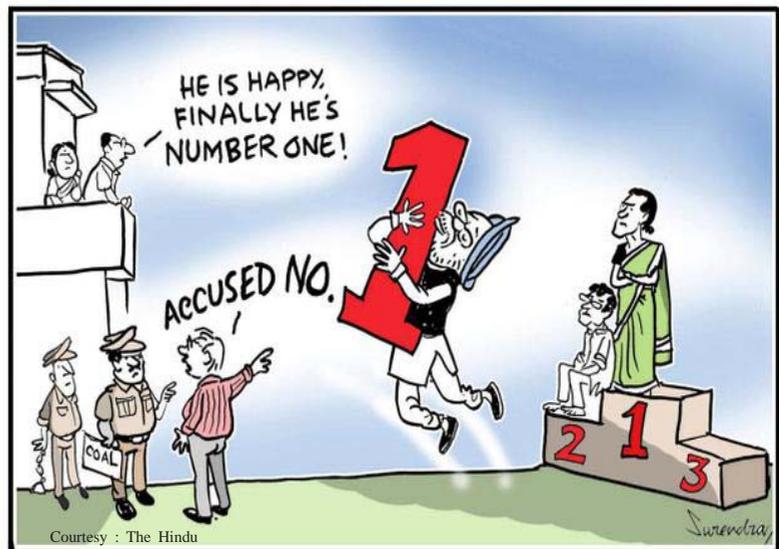
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O Arjuna I have explained to you this spirituals intelligence regarding the nature of the soul, now listen this science of actions without fruitive desires by which spirituals intelligence is endowed completely releasing you from the bondage of reactions from actions.
 – (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 38)

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“Sometimes Congress` Yuraj (Rahul Gandhi) takes Kalavatis name, sometimes he sleeps in a Dalit house and gets clicked, while they do nothing for the poor.”

-Rajnath Singh

“Forget if you are rich or poor. All you need is faith in yourself. If you have the passion to work then just get up and set forth and you will find the way!”

-Narendra Modi

Deepavali : November 3, 2013



Deepavali or Diwali, popularly known as the “festival of lights,” is a five-day Hindu festival which starts on Dhanteras and ends on Bhaubeej. In the Gregorian calendar, Diwali falls between mid-October and mid-November. For Hindus, Diwali is one of the most important festivals of the year and is celebrated worldwide. For Jains, Diwali marks the attainment of Moksha or Nirvana by Mahavira in 527 BC. Arya Samajists, celebrate this day as Death Anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati. They also celebrate this day as *Shardiya Nav-Shasyeshti*.

Hindus have several significant events associated with Diwali:

- The return of Lord Rama after 14 years of Vanvash (exile). To welcome his return, Diyas (Ghee lamps) were lit in Ayodhya.
- Lord Krishna killed Narakasura during the Dwapara Yuga on this day.
- Return of Pandavas after 12 years of Vanvas and one year of Agyatavas (living incognito).

Diwali is an official holiday in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Mauritius, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago, Suriname, Malaysia, Singapore and Fiji and celebrated throughout the world. ■



Time has come to make history

Dussehra has gone and Deepavali is about to come. Deepavali is our national festival. After that 'Democratic Festival' will take place in the five states of the country. In the outcome of this 'Democratic Festival', the coming 'Great Democratic Festival' i.e. the Lok Sabha elections depends. Whether it is BJP or Congress, both are coming out in the field with their missiles. The speculators have also started betting in the market. Both parties have made their preparations for the elections. In two states, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, BJP is in power for last ten years. In Delhi Congress has been in power for last 15 years and in Rajasthan it is ruling for last five years. In all the surveys that have come so far, BJP has not only an edge but appears to be forming government in all these four states.

For BJP surveys may appear to be heartening but these are not results. To make the outcome of surveys real, BJP Karyakartas will have to work very hard. They will have to keep mutual coordination correct. Neither the Congress is united today nor is it possible in future. But BJP will not gain only because Congress is not united. BJP will have to rely on its own hard work. The confidence of the people should not get eroded. The elections going to take place in festive season should see positive role of BJP Karyakartas.

BJP Karyakartas will have to ensure maximum voting in the polling booths by making perfect arrangements in the polling centres. In Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh Congress is unnecessarily trying to pose as a force. How far will it be successful only time will tell but BJP Karyakartas will have to remain alert. BJP will have to understand that Congress is the name of sinking ship. But the road which will lead BJP towards power will pass through the results of these four states. In the history of India the direction of the nation has not changed with the election results of only five states. But this time the future of not only BJP but the entire nation depends on the election results of these states. We all will have to understand this and by doing so we all will have to understand the importance of the coming assembly elections.

BJP will have to prove itself on every count. Karyakartas will also have to understand one wrong step taken by them may prove dangerous for the party therefore they will have to tread cautiously. BJP leadership will also have to be in constant touch with the karyakartas. The decisions will have to be broadbased as far as possible. Decisions should be made in the manner that the people may feel that it was taken in accordance with their wish. BJP is a responsible political party and it will have to consider all the points of its family. Victory is our goal. We will have to be ready to dedicate ourselves in whatever manner it is required. The leadership should also keep enjoying the unflinching faith of the karyakartas which should remain intact.

Neither the country has any expectation from the Congress nor Congress itself has any expectations. Congress people are themselves heard saying that it time for them to say goodbye. Congress which is plunged in hopelessness cannot become a ray of hope for the country. Therefore the BJP which has got a golden opportunity should try to convert this opportunity into positive results. History is waiting for us. Now it is to be seen whether we want to make history or not! ■

Vijay Shankhnad Rally in Kanpur

“Congress Mukht Bharat must come”: Narendra Modi

Uttar Pradesh BJP organised a massive Vijay Shankhnad Rally at Buddha Park Maidan in Kanpur on October 19. According to reports around four lakhs of people and Karyakartas attended the rally. BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh, BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate and Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National General Secretary Shri Amit Shah BJP State President Shri Laxmikant Bajpai and other senior leaders of the party were present on the occasion. It is Shri Narendra Modi's first public meeting in Uttar Pradesh since he was declared as BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate.

Addressing the rally BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh said, “Leaders of both the Samajwadi Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party have been given a clean chit by the Central Bureau of Investigation in corruption cases, now they should at least withdraw support to the UPA regime and restore the honour

of the state. After all, the people of the state had not voted for both the parties for extending support to the Congress-led UPA regime at the Center”.

Lambasting the SP and BSP, Shri Singh said that “the long spell of the SP and the BSP has ruined trade and industry, and halted the overall development of the state. Kanpur, the industrial city of UP, once famous as the Manchester of the east, is now an industrial graveyard as both the parties have systemically looted the people and the exchequer of the state”. Terming the hostile relations between the SP and BSP as a convenient facade, Shri Rajnath Singh charged “in UP both the parties claim to be arch rivals of each other but in Delhi they join hands and end up supporting the Congress-led government”.

Addressing the huge rally Shri Narendra Modi called on the people of UP to defeat the Congress

party and the Congress' allies who have been helping the Congress to hide their own misdeeds. Shri Modi affirmed that these allies of the Congress party say something else and do something else in Parliament. “From Kanpur the clarion call of a Congress Mukht Bharat must come,” Shri Modi affirmed.

Shri Modi attacked the anti-people policies of the Congress party. He asked the people whether



the Congress promised to bring prices down in 100 days of getting elected and further asked if prices came down as promised by the Congress. “See what they have done today. The stove is not lighting in the homes of the poor. Price rise is troubling the poor but sadder than that is- has the PM ever said anything on being able to stop rising prices? Has Madam Sonia or their Prince said anything about it? Their arrogance is so high,” he declared. He attacked the rampant corruption under the UPA even taking note of the recent statements by a former Government official that if he is guilty in the coal scam, the Prime Minister must also be an accused.

Shri Narendra Modi said that for the Congress, the poor and the farmers of the country have become a joke. He stated, “The Congress prince says there is nothing like poverty- it is a state of mind. Those

born with golden spoons, what do they know what poverty is? To see poverty they go with cameras to see huts. We have been born in poverty, we have lived in poverty. We experienced the pain of the poor. And when someone makes such jokes on the poor, it is very sad. Salt is being put on their wounds." He affirmed that the Government must be for the poor, the welfare of the poor but the

passed us with distinction."

Lakhs of people came to hear Shri Modi at the public meeting. Shri Modi said, "I can say that Kanpur has won me over."

BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh delivered a strong speech where he expressed confidence that the BJP will form the Government and Shri Narendra Modi will be the Prime Minister.



governments should not being the pockets of the poor.

Talking about the Congress he also said, "When the Congress is in trouble they catch on to one thing and that is development politics" adding that the Congress has divided people, castes, parties etc.

During his speech Shri Modi also attacked the misgovernance in Uttar Pradesh under the Samajwadi Party Government. He said that in the last one year so many innocent people have lost their lives but the state Government is engaged in votebank politics only. Modi ji also shared that the Uttar Pradesh government is busy releasing people who face serious charges from jail. "Should the law not take its own course? Should we sacrifice our security for votebank politics?" the BJP's PM candidate asked. Shri Modi categorically stated that the unholy trinity of the Congress, SP and BSP has brought bad name to the Congress and they must be wiped out from UP.

Shri Modi noted that the elections are for the Lok Sabha but instead of giving answers on what they have done, the Congress is only talking of Gujarat. Shri Modi asked, "Are these elections in Gujarat? Gujarat voted in 2012 and the people

He said that Gujarat has made a mark in good governance. Shri Rajnath Singh also said that now that the SP and BSP have got a clean chit, they should withdraw support from the Congress.

PDPU ceremony in Gandhinagar

You are not only studying energy but also are the energy of India : Modi

On the morning of Saturday 19th October 2013 Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 3rd convocation ceremony of PDPU in Gandhinagar. Narendra Modi ji congratulated the students who were awarded their degrees and wished them the very best for their future. He told the students, "You are not only studying energy but also are the energy of India." Shri Modi talked at length about integrating the Yuva Shakti of the nation into our development journey as it has the potential to correct the wrongs of the last sixty years in a short span of ten years. Shri Modi inspired the youngsters saying that if the resolve is deep and the determination is strong, India can be taken to newer heights overcoming obstacles.

Shri Modi affirmed that it is important to keep

our thoughts global and in sync with the times we are in. He said that Universities have been a part of India's culture since the ancient times be it Nalanda, Taxila or Vallabhi.

Stressing on the need and importance of energy security, Shri Modi called for students to do research on the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi to mitigate the energy crisis of the world. Shri Modi shared his vision of making Gandhinagar a solar city and sought the active participation and support of the students of PDPU.

Modi ji pointed that it was extremely unfortunate that some states of India face power shortage and shared that over 20,000 MW power generation is not happening because there is no fuel. "Why is there no fuel, because there is no coal and why is there no coal? Files are lost," Shri Modi affirmed.

Narendra Modi ji expressed concern at the current situation in the country and wondered what would happen to the nation if things go on like this. He said that for many leaders the youth is a means to power but for him, youth is about empowering! He concluded his speech by inspiring the students to keep the Mantra of 'India First' in their thoughts and actions in the times ahead.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mukesh Ambani congratulated the graduating students. He thanked Shri Modi for attending the ceremony and noted that Shri Modi's handshake with the students would change their lives forever. He described Shri Modi as an inspiration for the youth and a person who has always emphasized on education's role in self-development. Shri Ambani said that PDPU is a young institution but would become a global centre of excellence. Mr. Bob Dudely of BP stated that he is honoured to be present at the ceremony and to meet Shri Modi.

The 3rd convocation ceremony of PDPU saw large number of students receive various degrees including the first ever PHD for the University. Principal Secretary Energy Shri Pandian was present on the occasion.

Narendra Modi handed over land allotment letters to 15,000 tribals in south Gujarat

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi handed over land allotment letters to the tribals of five districts i.e. Navsari, Surat, Tapi, Valsad and Dang of south Gujarat in Vandsa, entitling them to cultivate on forest land. As per the promises of the party during electioneering the state government has begun campaign of giving land cultivation rights to the tribals under Forest Right Act-2006. Shri Modi handed over land allocation letters to more than 15,000 tribals. Addressing the huge gathering on the occasion Shri Modi said now tribals will not get cheated by the middleman as the state government has provided land, water and electricity facilities to the tribal farmers.

Claims of individual and collective succession rights of 61,974 tribals on total 6.41 lack acre have been granted under Forest Right Act. Tribals and Dalits account 22% in the total population of the state. The state government has implemented human welfare programme and has begun mission to empower this 22% of population, adding them to the mainstream of development, Shri Modi added.

Tribals were struggling for rights of cultivation of forest land since many of their generations but the present government willingly used the satellite technology of BISAG, locating the right beneficiaries and giving them their rights, the chief minister said.

He said, "The state government made a fresh deliberation and granted 22,000 new claims so that the tribal framers need not have to bow before any of the politician or government functionaries'. Under Forest Right Act 2006, the government has provided land cultivation rights to the tribals so that the middlemen and wasted interests could not snatch their lands. Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved package of Rs. 40,000 crore for five years under Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojna for the development of tribals.

It is Gujarat government's priority to take tribals in development process. The state has taken various initiatives on this direction ranging from encouraging girl child education to higher education and technical education among tribals, he said.

Gujarat Government has set up 95 Science Stream higher secondary schools in tribal regions, ITIs, Engineering, Nursing and Agriculture colleges in every talukas. The former governments did not provide any budget under tribal head, against that this government has provided budget of Rs. 15,000 crore under Vanbandhu Kalyan Package. By the time of the completion of the scheme tenure the government made an expenditure of Rs. 17,000 under this package. And for next five years the government has increased this package to Rs. 40,000 crore. ■

In one of my earlier blogs I had dealt at length with how Sardar Patel, his close colleague V.P. Menon and Lord Mountbatten had acted in perfect concert to integrate India after the Britishers left. In that I had relied not only on the two remarkable books written by V.P. Menon, whom Sardar Patel had named Secretary of the States Department, but yet another more recent book authored by a lady named Alex Von Tunzelmann titled Indian Summer: The Secret History of the End of an Empire. This lady

committing atrocities on innocent citizens.

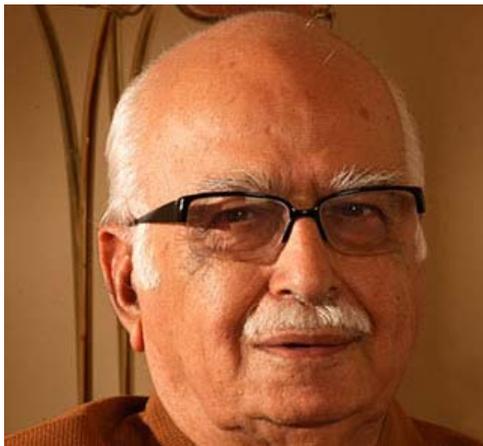
Pandit Nehru wanted to refer the Hyderabad issue also to the U.N. as he had done in the case of Kashmir – that too against the advice of Patel.

The news report filed by Pioneer's Chennai correspondent was based on a book written by a 1947 IAS official by name MKK Nair and carries the title With No Ill Feeling Towards Anybody.

The report also said that following the bitter exchange

feel greatly indebted to whosoever can procure the book for me. Pioneer Editor Chandan Mitra also has been trying, but has not succeeded as yet.

My last blog was about Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's birth anniversary on September 25 and the two major BJP events that are connected with this anniversary, events which I cannot forget. The first was my Somnath to Ayodhya Yatra in 1990. The second was the record gathering of over six lakh BJP activists in Bhopal, who will be



Dr. Munshi's historic letter to Pandit Nehru : V.P. Menon calls it 'a masterpiece'

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is primarily a researcher educated in Oxford who now lives in London. Menon's two books which I have been recommending to all book lovers are Integration of the Indian States and The Transfer of Power.

But the Tailpiece in that blog was taken from a news report in the Pioneer of 30th October, 2012, that is, on the eve of Sardar's birth anniversary last year. The news report was about a sharp exchange that took place in a Cabinet meeting between Nehru and Patel just a few weeks before GOI's operation in Hyderabad. Pandit Nehru was opposed to the army action which Sardar Patel had decided upon after receiving reports how the Nizam's private army, the Razakars, were

between the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel had walked out of the meeting angrily. That on September 13, 1948, the army action, named Operation Polo did take place and culminated successfully on September 18, is now history.

But since the time I wrote that blog I have been desperately searching for the book which, I thought, may possibly fill up the gaps in the country's knowledge as to what actually transpired during the interlude. The author, I gather, is no longer alive. Nor have I been able to locate the book at any bookstore, or even in any Library. Through this blog I would like to appeal to all my readers that I would

managing the over 53000 polling booths in the State when Madhya Pradesh goes to the polls on November 25 this year.

I have mentioned in this blog (October 8,) that as Sardar Patel who was to inaugurate the Somnath Temple after it had been reconstructed, passed away on December 15, 1950, the Temple's formal opening was done by Rashtrapati Dr. Rajendra Prasad I have mentioned that he did so even though the Prime Minister had opposed the move. And thereby hangs one more interesting episode worth recounting at this point. The episode commences with a clash in the cabinet not very different from the Army-action joust between

Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel.

It was Sardar Patel who had been the first to visit Junagarh after the popular revolt against the Nawab who had announced the state's accession to Pakistan. Terrified by the people's anger, the Nawab fled to Pakistan. Sardar Patel was given a rousing reception by the people. At a huge meeting Sardar Patel declared that the Somnath Temple, foremost among the twelve Jyotirlingas, would be reconstructed at its original site, and the Jyotirlinga reinstalled.

After returning to Delhi he secured Gandhiji's blessings for the move and had Pandit Nehru have it endorsed by his Cabinet. The Cabinet's decision implied that Government would incur the expenditure. But that evening itself when Sardar Patel, Dr. Munshi and N.V. Gadgil went to Gandhiji to apprise him of the Cabinet's decision, Gandhiji welcomed it but added: Let the people and not the Government bear the expenditure.

Pandit Nehru's cabinet had decided to reconstruct Somnath in 1947. But in January 1948, Gandhiji was assassinated.

In December 1950, Sardar Patel breathed his last. After the demise of these two veterans, a change came about in Pandit Nehru's attitude. After a Cabinet meeting in early 1951, Panditji called Dr. Munshi, who was Food and Agriculture Minister in the Cabinet and said to him: "I do not like your trying to restore Somnath. It is Hindu revivalism."

Kanhaiyalal Munshi did not utter a word in reply. He came back home and prepared a long letter whose text has been reproduced in his famous book Pilgrimage to Freedom. Dr. Munshi wrote to

Pandit Nehru:

"Yesterday you referred to Hindu revivalism. You pointedly referred to me in the Cabinet as connected with Somnath. I am glad you did so; for I do not want to keep back any part of my views or activities....I can assure you that the 'Collective Subconscious' of India today is happier with the scheme of reconstruction of Somnath sponsored by the Government of India than with many other things that we have done and are doing."

Emphasising the social reform aspect of Somnath's reconstruction, Munshi added:

"The intention to throw open the temple to harijans has evoked some criticism from the orthodox section of the Hindu community. However, the objects of the Trust Deed make it clear that the temple is not only to be open to all classes of the Hindu community, but, according to the tradition of the old temple of Somnath, also to non-Hindu visitors. Many have been the customs which I have defied in personal life from boyhood. I have laboured in my humble way through literary and social work to share or reintegrate some aspects of Hinduism, in the conviction that that alone will make India an advanced and vigorous nation under modern conditions."

Dr. Munshi concluded his letter with words that deserve to be preserved in perpetuity:

"It is my faith in our past which has given me the strength to work in the present and to look forward to our future. I cannot value India's freedom if it deprives us of



the Bhagavad Gita or uproots our millions from the faith with which they look upon our temples and thereby destroys the texture of our lives. I have been given the privilege of seeing my incessant dream of Somnath reconstruction come true. That makes me feel – makes me almost sure – that this shrine once restored to a place of importance in our life will give to our people a purer conception of religion and a more vivid consciousness of our strength, so vital in these days of freedom and its trials."

On reading this letter, V.P. Menon, the legendary civil servant who assisted Sardar Patel in the gigantic task of the integration of the princely states, wrote a missive to Munshi. "I have seen your masterpiece. I for one would be prepared to live and, if necessary, die by the views you have expressed in your letter."

TAILPIECE

When the Somnath Temple was ready, Dr. K.M. Munshi approached the first President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, with the request that he inaugurate the temple and ceremonially install the Jyotirlingam. He was apprehensive that Rajendrababu might not agree. After all, the President was aware of Munshi's correspondence with the Prime Minister.

To his delight Dr. Rajendra Prasad readily agreed. "I would do the same with a mosque or a church if I were invited," he added. "This is the core of Indian secularism. Our state is neither irreligious nor anti-religious."

Pandit Nehru protested the President's decision. But Rajendrababu disregarded Panditji's objection, and kept his promise. ■

CBI & NIA colluded with Congress' politics : Jaitley

In a letter written to the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh on 01 October, 2013, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley has raised the issue of misuse of investigative agencies against the political adversaries by the Congress led UPA government. He said that since Congress was feeling it difficult to fight BJP and its Prime Ministerial candidate Shri Narendra Modi politically, it was trying to falsely implicate BJP leaders to serve its ulterior political motives. Saying that 'charges of politicization and motivated investigation should all be subjected to a Commission of Inquiry headed by a sitting judge of Supreme Court', he elaborately dealt with various issues which were pursued by the CBI and IB in collusion with Congress party's political gameplan. We are publishing the full text of the letter for our esteemed readers:



To
The Prime Minister,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Dear Prime Minister,

I write to you on a matter of public importance.

The Congress strategy in the face of its' depleting popularity is clear. Congress cannot fight the BJP and Narendra Modi politically. Defeat stares them in the face. By misuse of investigative agencies they have so far tried various methods of falsely implicating Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Amit Shah, the then Home Minister and also the Minister of Law, Transport & Parliamentary Affairs of the State of Gujarat and General Secretary of Bhartiya Janata Party and other important BJP leaders. Some of the illustrations in this regard are discussed herein below:-

Sohrabudin Encounter case

The encounter in which one Sohrabudin Sheikh was killed was an operation allegedly directed by the Intelligence Bureau of the Central Government. It has been a practice that when the Intelligence Bureau processes and develops intelligence, it keeps vigilance on the target. Thereafter when an opportunity arises to arrest the target the State police is associated with the operation. Sohrabudin was a noted mafia who operated in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan and was carrying prize on his head in Madhya Pradesh. He was an illegal weapon dealer. He had also been convicted under TADA. The search conducted by Madhya Pradesh police at his premises at village Jharnia, District Ujjain had yielded more than 40 AK-56 rifles, hundreds of AK-56 cartridges and hundreds of hand grenades. He was an absconder from the police agencies of various state governments.

After his encounter on 24/25-11-2005 his brother filed a Writ Petition in the Supreme Court. The filing of the said petition was also sponsored by Congress Party. The then Addl. Solicitor General of India, Shri Gopal Subramaniam in a pre-conceived and planned move, appeared on day one before the Court and agreed to take instructions from the Central Government. Subsequently, the Attorney General appeared for the Union of India and Gopal Subramaniam designated himself as Amicus Curiae

without any specific order of the court appointing him. The Government of India conceded that the investigations be handed over to the CBI. Though the Central Government should be a mere formal party, the then Attorney General used to appear and oppose even motion for adjournments. Since objections were raised with regard to the fairness of the CBI, the Supreme Court ordered investigations by a team of Gujarat Police officers of the State Police under its supervision. The State police reconstructed the encounter, conducted scientific investigation under supervision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and implicated and arrested several police officers including three IPS officers. Upon hearing the arguments of the Union of India and Shri Gopal Subramaniam, the amicus curiae and others, the Supreme Court referred the matter to the CBI. The ground on which the Supreme Court transferred the case to the CBI was that the investigation involved inter-state ramifications and the Andhra Pradesh angle of the matter had not been probed. As a matter of fact the Congress Government in Andhra Pradesh did not cooperate in the investigation by Gujarat police which is a matter of record.

The CBI investigated the case but did not investigate any of the four points on the basis of which the case was referred to the CBI which were the points found lacking in Gujarat police investigation. It did not probe the Andhra Pradesh angle of the case seriously. The probable purpose of the CBI in this case was to try and implicate the political establishment of Gujarat, setting aside the pretence of federal character of India's governance. The CBI targeted Shri Amit Shah, the then Home Minister and also the Minister of Law, Transport & Parliamentary Affairs of the State of Gujarat with the ultimate desire of implicating Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister of Gujarat.

Shockingly, when the Legal department of the CBI opined that there was no case against Shri Amit Shah, the same was responded to by the Supervisory Officer of CBI, putting up a "Note" by observing that the arrest of Amit Shah would enable the CBI to get some more witnesses particularly the police officers since they would then feel intimidated. He also opined that arresting Amit Shah was necessary since it was necessary to reach the eventual target of investigation of Narendra Modi. This note was approved by the Director, CBI, Shri Ashwani Kumar.

The CBI arrested Amit Shah with no prosecutable evidence against him. In order to arrest Amit Shah they relied on the false testimony of two witnesses namely, Ramanbhai Patel and Dashrathbhai Patel, noted land grabbers of Gujarat. Shri Amit Shah, as per the CBI theory in the Charge Sheet, is alleged to have told both of them six months after the encounter that Sohrabudin had left no option for himself. This was incorporated as an extra-judicial confession. It is noteworthy that both Ramanbhai Patel and Dashrathbhai Patel have criminal antecedents and criminal cases in Gujarat. These two witnesses were felicitated for having given such a deposition against Shri Amit Shah in a function presided over by Shri Shankersinh Waghela, the then President of Gujarat Congress. The testimony of these two witnesses is based upon the alleged extortion from them to help them in PASA detention. The record of the Gujarat Government shows that no detention of these persons under PASA was ever in contemplation. Said two witnesses also claimed that they have paid a sum of Rs. 75 to Shri Amit Shah through one Ajay Patel in three different installments with specific dates mentioned by them in their statement. They gave the specific dates of payments on which they allegedly physically handed over the alleged amount to Shri Ajay Patel. They further claimed that they were there through all the dates. This testimony is false without any further probe inter alia on the ground that on some of the dates Ajay Patel was not even in India and his passport establishes this fact. This was a key substance of a frivolous charge sheet filed against Shri Amit Shah. Shri Amit Shah was granted bail on this charge sheet by the Gujarat High Court by a detailed speaking order inter alia holding that there is no prima facie case against Shri Amit Shah. The CBI, however, challenged the said order and upon the request of the CBI, the Supreme Court ordered Shri Amit Shah to remain out of Gujarat and all political activities. He remained outside the State of Gujarat for a period of two years. The said order of the High Court was upheld by the Supreme Court.

Tulsi Prajapati encounter

Tulsi Prajapati was a case built up by the CBI as an extension to the Sohrabudin case. The CBI solicited the investigation of this case by making a specific prayer in the Court. Their ostensible case was that Tulsi Prajapati was a witness to the arrest and disappearance of Sohrabudin while in custody

of the police officers and correspondingly he was eliminated by the Gujarat Police. The only evidence mentioned against Shri Amit Shah by the CBI in this case was that he was regularly in touch with one police officer Shri R.K. Pandian, IPS who was an accused in the case. The vast contemporaneous record shows that Shri R.K.Pandian, IPS had been regularly in telephonic contact of Shri Amit Shah much before and after the incident as a part of his official duty since he was also heading the charge of SP, IB(Intelligence) of the State Police looking after political agitations and political activities. Any Home Minister of any State will have to necessarily remain in touch with SP, IB(Intelligence) of the State Police looking after political agitations and political activities since he had to keep himself informed about the activities on a regular basis. Without a point of evidence a separate Charge Sheet was filed against Shri Amit Shah in the Tulsi Prajapati case. Very importantly, though the CBI was under the direction of the Supreme Court to complete the investigation of Tulsi Prajapati case within 6 months from 11-04-2011, the CBI deliberately and as a part of political conspiracy did not obey the direction and filed the Charge Sheet on 04-09-2012 so as to arrest Shri Amit Shah once again just few months before the Gujarat Legislative Assembly elections which were scheduled to be held before December, 2012. Shri Amit Shah had to approach the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Supreme Court vide its order date 08-04-2013 held that no separate charge sheet could be filed in this case since CBI itself had alleged that both the cases were similar and it merged the charge sheet with the Sohrabudin case charge sheet thereby preventing the CBI arresting Shri Amit Shah once again.

Tulsi Prajapati and the arrest of Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, former Home Minister Rajasthan

Shri Gulab Chand Kataria is the former Home Minister of Rajasthan and the present Leader of Opposition in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly and a very important leader of Rajasthan BJP. He is a complete stranger to even the existence of such persons known as Sohrabudin and Tulsi Prajapati. The CBI filed a supplementary charge sheet against Gulab Kataria wherein it was alleged that the motive of elimination of Tulsi Prajapati by Gulab Kataria was extorting money from marble dealers of Rajasthan namely RK Marbles. As per the CBI there were two motives; one the Gujarat Police wanted to eliminate him in order to eliminate the eye-witness in the Sohrabudin case and the Home Minister of Rajasthan wanted to eliminate him for extorting money from marble dealers. What a co-incidence. It was alleged by the CBI that Shri Gulab Chand Kataria allegedly met one Shri D. G Vanjara, IPS of Gujarat Police allegedly between 26/12/2005 and 28/12/2005 at the Circuit House at Udaipur. The CBI evidence of his presence was that PS of Shri Gulab Chand Kataria was staying in the same Circuit House during that period and Shri D.G.Vanzara, IPS also stayed in the said Circuit House. However, records of the Rajasthan Government conclusively establish that Shri Gulab Chand Kataria along with his wife had flown on 25/12/2005 to Mumbai and stayed there till 2/1/2006. He attended the meeting of the BJP National Executive and thereafter a meeting of the National Council and after celebrating new year along with his wife, returned to Jaipur on 2/1/2006. On those three days of December 2005 Shri Gulab Chand Kataria was not even in Rajasthan and he was in Mumbai. He had never met D. G. Vanjara, IPS at all. His presence in the National Executive and the National Council of BJP is recorded by the BJP. He had signed the Attendance Register which amongst others was signed by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Shri L.K.Advani. The air tickets of Shri Gulab Chand Kataria's travel are available in the records of the Rajasthan Government along with the proof of his receiving his travelling allowance for having travelled out of the State which is an official contemporaneous record. There was no occasion for Shri Gulab Chand Kataria to have met Shri D.G Vanjara, IPS in December 2005 and plan a conspiracy to kill Sohrabudin since Sohrabudin had earlier been killed on 26/11/2005. The officers who prepared and filed this charge sheet deserve to be prosecuted for this dishonest attempt to implicate senior leaders purely under political pressure of the Congress.

Ishrat Jehan encounter

Like the case of Sohrabudin and Tulsi Prajapati Ishrat Jehan's case was also completely handled by the Intelligence Bureau of the Central Government (Central IB). The Central IB received information that some persons, including two from Pakistan after infiltrating into India, were planning to eliminate

important leaders like Shri Narendra Modi, Shri L.K Advani etc. It was the Central Government through Intelligence Bureau who kept a trail of their movements which happens as a part of any intelligence agency to protect the national security. It was the Central government which alerted the Gujarat Police in order to take into custody these persons along with Ishrat Jehan and Javed Sheikh alias Pranesh Pillai. They were also interrogated by the Central intelligence agencies. Thereafter they are alleged to have been killed in an encounter. The political establishment of the State of Gujarat was no where involved in this exercise. Whether the encounter is genuine or not is a subject matter in the know of the Central intelligence agency.

While living in denial, it was the political establishment of New Delhi which collusively got filed a petition before the Gujarat High Court in the name of the relatives of the Ishrat Jehan. The fact that Ishrat Jehan was a LeT operative is evidenced from the fact that LeT through its mouth piece *Jamat-ud-Dawa* had put out an official obituary upon her killing in its website and her death was termed as "martyrdom" by one of the soldiers of LeT. The Central Intelligence Bureau is in possession of communications between LeT operatives and the LeT Commander supervising the terrorist operation from Pakistan. The Home Ministry, in the petitions before the Gujarat High Court, admitted through an affidavit filed by the Union Home Ministry that Ishrat Jehan was an LeT operative who was planned to be a suicide bomber. It is also relevant to note that one David Headly, a LeT operative was arrested and interrogated by the FBI of the USA. During his interrogation by the FBI, the said LeT operative disclosed that Isharat Jaha was a suicide bomber of LeT. This fact was also mentioned by the Union Home Ministry in its affidavit. The Union Home Ministry also admitted on affidavit before the High Court of Gujarat that the encounter in question is not a fake encounter but a genuine encounter. However, with the change of Home Minister (Shri Patil to Shri P. Chidambaram) an alternative political interest was developed. The Home Ministry was compelled to file a new affidavit attempting to dilute the earlier affidavit. In the new affidavit the Home Ministry chose to distance itself from the Central agencies and from the alleged encounter. In a surprise move the Gujarat High Court appointed a 3-member SIT which included a nominee of the Central Government, a nominee of the State Government and a nominee of the writ petitioners. The writ petitioner's nominee was one Shri Satish Verma, IPS. The Central Government nominee kept on changing from Karnail Singh, Satyapal Singh to Shri R.K. Verma etc. The police officers of the Central Government were reluctant to be a part of this inquiry since the same was intended to be used for an extraneous political purpose.

The case was, thereafter, referred to the CBI and the police officers nominated by the relatives of the persons killed in the encounter himself desired and was made a part of CBI team initially for helping in the investigation. What happened thereafter has been one of the greatest scandals in recent investigation history. The CBI started visiting the jail and negotiating bargains with various police officers that in case they agree to depose against senior officers the officers of the Central Intelligence Bureau and political leaders of Gujarat, the accused in custody would be permitted to get default bail by the CBI not filing a Charge Sheet within 90 days of their arrest. Those who were not arrested were induced to falsely implicate Central IB officials and political leaders of Gujarat BJP in lieu of they being not shown as accused in the Charge Sheet making them witnesses. The consequences of this exercise was to implicate the Central Intelligence Bureau and if possible the political leadership of Gujarat.

In this case of Ishrat Jehan 16 persons were named in the FIR after an enquiry conducted and having found their alleged roles. They were all police officers. Six persons named in the FIR were arrested in the first phase of the case as a part of the political conspiracy which the CBI was implementing. The balance eight were induced and all were given an opportunity to strike a bargain. The bargain was that those who are arrested would be allowed to get default bail by the CBI not filing a Charge Sheet and those not arrested will not be implicated if they implicate others initially under Section 161 of the Cr.P.Code and after release of those arrested, by recording their statements under section 164 of Cr.P.Code. Seeing the position of their fellow officers who are languishing in jail since last 6 years in Soharabuddin/Tulsi Prajapati case, the accused police officers in Isharat Jahan case obliged the CBI to save themselves. Six officers who were arrested were in jail were allowed to get default bail since the CBI performed its

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Modi's vision and performance has caught imagination of the youth : Murlidhar Rao

*BJP National General Secretary Shri Murlidhar Rao combines in himself the quality of being a farmer, a youth leader and a political thinker. Born in a farmer's family in Andhra, he is the product of the Osmania University Hyderabad from where he did his M.Phil (Political Psychology). He made his debut in politics as a student leader. He was elected General Secretary of Osmania University Students Union. He joined BJP only in 2009 and had a meteoric rise. Initially attached to the National President Shri Rajnath Singh, in 2010 he was made a national secretary in-charge of Tamilnadu and Kerala affairs of the Party. In 2013 he was elevated as national general secretary. Initiated into the RSS at a very young age, he later joined the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad. Under the inspiration of late Shri Dattopant Thengadiji, he was one of those instrumental in the formation of Swadeshi Jagran Manch and became its All-India Organising Secretary. He was always in the forefront in taking up the causes of kisan panchayats, beedi workers, farmers, fishermen, beedi mazdoors and weavers in different States of the country. National Convener of BJP Literature & Publication Cell **Amba Charan Vashishth** interviewed Shri Rao at his residence in Delhi a few days back. Excerpts:*



Now that BJP has finally made its choice for Prime Minister in Shri Narendra Modi, how do you visualize the latest political scenario in the country?

Doubts, if any, in the mind of anyone outside BJP about the mass appeal of Shri Narendra Modi throughout the nation are fast evaporating, particularly after unprecedented success of his visits to different parts of the country. His anointment as BJP's PM candidate has geared up the cadres, rejuvenated our sympathisers and also converted undecided voters into our supporters.

The country as a whole wants this most corrupt, inefficient and shameless UPA government to go. BJP under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi will prove to be the game changer. People clearly seem to have made

their choice open. This is because the people have seen the performance based track record of Gujarat under Shri Narendra Modi's leadership.

You come from Andhra Pradesh. Do you think it will have an impact in your State too?

Certainly. The response of AP is also in tune with that of the rest of the country. Congress has messed up in AP. The people feel let down on every front. This impression emerged from the success of the Hyderabad youth rally of Shri Narendra Modi. The people of Andhra are clear about the opportunistic and flip-flop policy of Congress on Telangana. They have messed up the issue for political gains risking lives of thousands and putting two sides into a conflict. Local leadership of the Congress is a divided house fighting each

other. BJP is surely going to gain in the state because of negative sentiment against Congress and a positive feeling for performance of various BJP ruled states and more particularly Gujarat under Shri Narendra Modi's leadership.

About four years back Home Minister P. Chidambaram announced UPA's decision to carve out a new State of Telangana, but later resiled. This time it was the AICC which took a decision on Telengana. But for the last over two months nothing seems to have moved in the UPA. What is your assessment of the situation?

Congress has bungled on the issue of Telangana. It is the result of their insincerity and dishonesty to the cause. Congress has not done proper homework and preparation before announcing the bifurcation decision. They are trying to appease people without actually delivering on their promises. With every passing day it is becoming clear that Congress is cheating the people of both the regions of Telangana and Seemandhra. They will have to pay a heavy price for the same.

You represent the youth in the Party. Will Shri Modi's anointment have an impact on the young voters?

India is a young nation or the nation of the Youth. The young generation has become very conscious of their rights and is assertively articulating their aspirations. With the level of exposure and information available, the youth are capable of making comparisons. Shri Narendra Modi has caught the imagination of the youth with his vision and proven performance not only in Gujarat but all over the country by ably and openly talking about his idea of Future India. He has focused on transforming governance to achieve the set national goals - particularly those related to development - in time bound manner. The youth of the country are now impatient for change and increasingly finding themselves nearer to BJP under Shri Narendra Modi's leadership than ever before.

BJP's opponents had been making a fun of the NDA's hope to form a government at the Centre in 2014 in view of the fact that BJP

has almost zero representation in 200 odd Parliamentary seats in the South, West Bengal and North-Eastern States. What would you say?

As I said earlier also, the people across the country are fed up with the corrupt and inefficient UPA rule. The states you are mentioning are no different. In this situation I see substantial gains for BJP in these areas also. More important is the fact that public opinion against Congress is building up day by day in every part of the country and BJP-led NDA is emerging as the only alternative. Therefore political formations involving the non-Congress parties and BJP are very much visible.

As part of its efforts to check the fiscal deficit, UPA government has put a ban on fresh appointments and announced other measures. How do you feel about these?

UPA has not been able to deal with the problems faced by the economy in an innovative way. They are unable to think of any idea to take the country out of the situation they have pushed it into. To reduce deficits, steps like cutting down avoidable imports like telecom and power equipments, edible oils etc. and pushing domestic manufacturing so as to escalate exports etc. should have been initiated on an immediate basis. The government prefers to bring foreign investment instead of all such measures. But just by removing the caps on foreign investment, foreign players are going to trust more a non-performing government and invest in a significant way.

Can you explain the reasons for a poor showing of BJP at the hustings in the South?

In Karnataka during the recent assembly elections we could not do the needed political consolidation based on the good governance of our government. But we are now back to expanding our base and this time we will surely convert the growing enthusiasm and support for BJP into winning seats. The people of Karnataka will soon realize the need of bringing back BJP to power in the state. In Tamil Nadu, the response to Shri L K Advani ji's yatra to raise the issue of black money was huge. Also the recent killings of

BJP leaders by Jihadi forces have also generated sympathy towards BJP and people are rallying around the idea of a non-Congress government at the centre. The Narendra Modi factor will also benefit BJP significantly. Surveys also demonstrate that there is an enormous response in favour of BJP. In Andhra Pradesh, people are fed up with the state Congress government and will respond very strongly against the flip-flop, opportunistic policy of UPA government on Telangana. Realignment of political forces seems imminent.

You have been a leading light of the Swadeshi movement for pretty long. How far do you think the NDA's economic policies will be singed with the thinking of your movement?

BJP is an ideology based party committed to self-reliance. By and large, it has believed and tried to follow the Swadeshi Model of economics. Even during NDA regime we saw it in Doha when Murasoli Maran took a strong stand. I am pretty confident that in future also the ideals of self-reliance will dominate economic thinking of BJP & NDA.

Can you enlighten what steps BJP is going to take to make those sections and areas of the people to vote for you in the next election which had not done earlier?

We are taking a lot of steps to remain in constant touch with all sections of the people and align ourselves with their hopes and aspirations. We have very actively conducted our campaigns to represent the genuine aspirations and needs of the people like women, youth, SC, ST, weavers, fishermen and minorities. We will be focusing through various campaigns on the first time voters. We are working hard to make the different sections of people to understand that BJP is the only party to espouse their feelings and address their concerns.

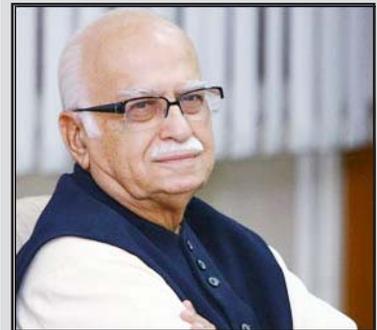
Would you like to comment on what happened in Muzaffarnagar in UP recently?

Muzaffarnagar riots are yet another example of use of divisive politics for narrow political ends. It is a complete failure of the Samajvadi Party government of Akhilesh Yadav. Congress led UPA at the Centre following the agenda of vote bank politics has not given importance to addressing the riots and instead targeted BJP leaders for narrow political gains. Even during the recent incidents on our border inflicted by Pakistan, Congress preferred to target BJP which is their political adversary instead of the national adversary.

Many important Congress leaders were challenging BJP to name its prime ministerial candidate in the past. But now that BJP has done, Congress is still not coming out with the name of its own prime ministerial candidate. How do you look at the situation?

Now that the BJP has decided its leader, Congress lacks the confidence in deciding its leader as they do not have any capable leader to show up to people as their face for 2014 elections. Rahul Gandhi as a leader has failed in Amethi, then in UP and also in the Parliament. ■

“Jeevem Shardah Shatam”



Birthday : 8 November

All the BJP leaders and Karyakartas led by National President Shri Rajnath Singh, Leader of Opposition in LS Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in RS Shri Arun Jaitley, former BJP National Presidents Dr. M.M. Joshi, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu and Shri Nitin Gadkari, National Gen. Sec. (Organization) Shri Ram Lal, Kamal Sandesh Editor Shri Prabhat Jha and Kamal Sandesh Parivar join the nation in wishing their Margdarshak Shri Lal Krishna Advani a very happy birthday and pray for his long life to continue to guide the Party and the nation for long. ■

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part of the dishonest bargain by not filing Charge Sheet within 90 days and not opposing their default bail applications. Those accused named in the FIR who obliged CBI by falsely implicating Central IB officials and political leaders of BJP are not cited as accused in the Charge Sheet dated 3rd June, 2013 which was filed by the CBI after the arrested accused got default bail on 25/26/27-05-2013. Immediately upon filing of the Charge Sheet without showing other accused named in the FIR as accused in the Charge Sheet, the said "witnesses" performed their last part of the bargain by getting their statements recorded under Section-164 of the Cr.P.Code between 04-06-2013 and 07-06-2013.

Such bargain is the modus operandi of the UPA Government

News items have appeared in the national media that one Bhavnesh Patel, an accused in the Ajmer Sharif Dargah blast case has moved an application before the Trial court alleging that a section of the Congress Party leadership, certain Union Ministers and officials of the NIA investigating the case have been pressurizing him to implicate senior leaders of the RSS. He has alleged that he has had several meetings with these persons and it was a part of a political/investigational bargain that he should make a statement under section 164 of CrPC against these functionaries and that he would be helped by eventually not implicated in the case. It is noteworthy that within minutes of the statement under section 164 CrPC Bhavnesh Patel had retracted the statement before the Trial court. Similar charges have been made by one Harshad and Mukesh who are also accused in the case.

This appears to be the standard formulation which the UPA Government and its investigative agencies are following against leaders of the BJP and the RSS.

This trend has been additionally followed by the Congress Party. A political cell has been operating with Union ministers and certain senior office bearers of the Congress Party. A retired officer of the Indian Police Service of the Gujarat cadre has been subsumed as Advisor to the Home Minister. He has no role in running the Ministry but only coordinates efforts to implicate political leaders of Gujarat. He meets family members of imprisoned police officers; Strikes bargains with them for promising them freedom in response to false statements being made by them. Officers of the Investigative agencies have been visiting jails and meeting imprisoned officers privately to strike bargains. This is a part of the series of unlawful activities being carried out by the investigative agencies under the UPA.

Senior officers of the investigative agencies are being promised with post retirement jobs. The last two Directors of the CBI have been offered lucrative jobs after retirement. The last Director of the NIA has also been given a post retirement job. The present Special Director of the CBI is being appointed a Vice Chancellor in consideration of services rendered.

In the process of this unraveling the entire covert operation of Intelligence Bureau, the CBI would investigate these operations. National security is being compromised. The officers of the Intelligence Bureau are being asked for the sources of their information, the authenticity of their information etc. is being questioned.

Notwithstanding the fact that there was a conclusive evidence of Ishrat Jehan being a LeT operative the CBI was now being compelled to even deny the existence of this fact. Even the team of NIA had maintained that Ishrat Jehan was an operative of LeT, that she was a trained suicide bomber. Efforts were made to remove paragraph 168 of the testimony of David Hadley recovered by the FBI and the NIA. Ishrat Jehan could not be given a clean chit. It was noteworthy that the Union Home Ministry's change of stance rhymes with the Jamat-ud-Dawa website apologizing for having condoned the death of its operative Ishrat Jehan. Jamat-ud-Dawa started dis-owning Ishrat Jehan.

The case of Rajinder Rathore, former PWD Minister of Rajasthan

He is a senior BJP leader in the year 2008 a PIL was filed before the Supreme Court seeking a reference of the case to the CBI. The CBI appeared in the court and agreed to investigate the case. The CBI object was to implicate Rajinder Rathore in the alleged encounter wherein a noted mafia Dara Singh was killed. Dara Singh was a Jat and Rajinder Rathore a Rajput. No evidence against Rajinder Rathore was available. Since no evidence was available the CBI only relied upon two pieces of evidence. Firstly, witnesses had told them Dara Singh was a person whom Rajinder Rathore had an animus. This was hearsay. Secondly, it was alleged that Rajinder Rathore had spoken on a couple of occasions to the

Addl. DGP. Shri Jain who was an accused in the case. Obviously on a few occasions a Parliamentary Affairs Minister would speak to the law and order authorities particularly when the assembly was in session and several issues relating to law and order were raised in the Assembly. On one single day both Rajinder Rathore and Shri Jain were in the jurisdiction of same tower. They had gone to see international cricket test match being played at SMS stadium when both were sitting separately in the stadium and watching the match. On this flimsy ground Rajinder Rathore was charge-sheeted and arrested. The Director CBI Shri AP Singh and the Attorney General, GE Vahanvati gave written opinions that there was no prosecutable evidence against Shri Rathore. Later on basis of an intimidating letter of Shri Haren Raval, an Addl. Solicitor General, the CBI changed its' opinion. It was under this compulsion that the charge sheet was filed. The trial court did not find the charge against Rajinder Rathore and discharged him. The Revision against that order was allowed by the Rajasthan High Court which was later stayed by the Supreme Court where the case is now pending.

The case of Shri D.G. Vanjara,IPS

Shri D.G. Vanjara,IPS is in jail for the last six years in connection with some of the cases mentioned above. It appears from the charge sheet that he actively cooperated with the Central Intelligence Bureau in its' anti anti-terrorism operations. The strategy of the Congress Party was to implicate him in all these cases and thereafter pressurize him to make false statements. For this purpose a retired IPS officer of Gujarat cadre was suddenly taken on deputation to the Central Government and immediately after he retired, he has been re-appointed as an Advisor to the Ministry of Home Affairs. His only job in the Home Ministry is to strategize as to how false cases can be filed against BJP leaders and how important BJP leaders can be falsely implicated by misusing Central investigating agencies . This officer was given the task of inducing Shri D.G. Vanjara with an assurance to help him in case he agrees to implicate the leaders of Gujarat – a project which is still going on though not successful.

This trend has been consistently followed by the Congress party. A political Cell has been operating with Union ministers and certain office bearers of the Congress party to hatch political conspiracy to implicate Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Amit Shah and other important BJP leaders in false criminal cases. These activities are being coordinated by the retired IPS officer who was made the advisor to the Union Home Ministry. He directly or indirectly contacts the family members of the imprisoned police officers, strikes bargain with them promising them freedom in lieu of their false implication of important BJP leaders. Officers of the central investigating agencies are privately visiting the jails where the police officers are lodged to strike dishonest bargains.

In lieu of these political activities to suit the political expediencies of the Congress, senior officers of the central investigating agencies are being promised post-retirement lucrative assignments. The last two Directors of the CBI are offered lucrative post retirement jobs. The last Director of NIA is also offered a lucrative post retirement job.

The case of Harin Pandya

After Shri Harin Pandya was assassinated it was the Gujarat Government to hand over the case to the CBI. It was the CBI which investigated the case there was no role played by Gujarat police or any person in Gujarat. The case has been tried by the competent Trial court wherein some persons were convicted. The Judgement was reversed by the High Court. Against reversal of the said judgement the CBI and also the Gujarat government has filed an appeal which is admitted by the Supreme Court and is pending in the Supreme Court. Notwithstanding the fact of the appeal being heard in the Supreme Court, fresh efforts are being made to politicize the case and suggestions to this effect are being made in the corridors of power by senior Congress leaders to implicate BJP leaders at this belated stage.

It was the Gujarat Government which referred the investigation to the CBI at the very first instance. The case was investigated and prosecuted by the CBI. Today, the CBI is being pressurized to admit that its own investigation was faulty.

Investigations against Advocate General, certain Ministers and officials of the Gujarat Government

It has been reported that an investigation has started by the CBI against the Advocate General, some

Ministers and officials of the Gujarat Government. The charge appears to be that in the course of a preparation with regard to a case pending in the Gujarat High court in which the Advocate General was appearing, certain discussions have taken place between these ministers, officials and the Advocate General. The said conversations were allegedly taped at the behest of a police officer who was present in the meeting. This was in effect a discussion between the officers of the client i.e. Gujarat Government and its Advocate General. A legal strategy was being prepared. How can a preparation of legal strategy constitute any interference in the investigation of a case. Since this conversation was before registering of the FIR, it cannot be alleged that there was any tampering of evidence. A conversation between a lawyer and the client is privileged and merely to harass the Advocate General, the ministers and officers of the Gujarat government this investigation has been undertaken. Assuming without conceding that the CBI should investigate this matter then it should have equally investigated the conversation that took place with regard to coal gate investigation in which in the chamber of earlier Union Law minister in the presence of the Attorney General, the then ASG, officers of the Coal Ministry, PMO and officers of the CBI. In this meeting admittedly the status report of the case to be presented to the Supreme Court was doctored and altered. If an investigation can take place against functionaries of the Gujarat Government, in an identically situated matter in which senior officers of CBI who themselves participated why has an investigation not taken place against functionaries of the Central Government.

Use of Sanjiv Bhatt, IPS by the Congress led UPA Government

The case of the aforesaid officer Shri Sanjiv Bhatt is a glaring testimony of the Congress led UPA Government blatantly using selected police officers of Gujarat to wage a war against the Chief Minister of Gujarat and the BJP leadership.

It is matter of contemporaneous record that after the riots of 2002, Mr. Sanjiv Bhatt suddenly alleged in 2010-11 that he is a witness in the riot cases. There is contemporaneous evidence on record that Mr. Sanjiv Bhatt has been conspiring with the important leaders of the Congress party against the Chief Minister of the State and was receiving “packages” and “material” from one Shri Shaktisinh Gohil, the then leader of opposition in Gujarat Legislative Assembly who lost last Assembly election in December 2012. The e-mails of Mr. Sanjiv Bhatt stand testimony of his being a mere part of the political conspiracy of the Congress party.

The close association of Mr. Sanjiv Bhatt with Congress is so blatant that he even wrote two public letters to Shri Narendra Modi using derogatory language not befitting an officer of a disciplined force. Such letters were leaked by him in the media first and the media was showing these two letters much before they were received.

Mr. Sanjiv Bhatt, as a part of the Congress party, is even filing petitions as co-petitioners with some NGOs against Shri Narendra Modi. All efforts made by the Congress through Mr. Sanjiv Bhatt against Shri Narendra Modi have failed so far before the competent courts including the High Court and the Supreme Court.

Mr. Sanjiv Bhatt, a police officer under suspension, became so indispensable for the Congress party that he could manage a Congress ticket for his wife in the last Assembly elections in December, 2012 to contest against Shri Narendra Modi.

The above facts are only some of the illustrations of the misuse of the Investigating institutions by the UPA Government. I do believe that it is your responsibility and indeed duty to look into all these facts and restore the professionalism and independence of the Investigative agencies. If this practice is not stopped it will set a precedent which will hurt India's Democracy.

The CBI and the NIA have colluded with the politics of the Congress Party in all the above referred investigations. The charges of politicization and motivated investigation should all be subjected to a Commission of Inquiry headed by a sitting judge of the Supreme Court.

Yours sincerely,

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Minority appeasement is a blot on secularism

By Joginder Singh

Instead of feeding the bogey of victimisation, for instance, by insinuating that Muslims are unlawfully detained, the Government will do well to include the minority community in its fight against terror

Articles 14 and 15(1) of the Constitution enjoin that the state shall not discriminate against any person on grounds of religion, caste, race or such other issues. Ours is a secular country. Yet, last year on April 9, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced monthly allowances of Rs 2,500 for imams and Rs 1,500 for muezzins and got a budgetary allocation of Rs 660 crore passed by the State Assembly. The payments were eventually stayed by the High Court earlier this year.

Similarly, the Indian Government continues with its Haj subsidy, even when Pakistan, a constitutionally theocratic Muslim country, had abolished it back in 1997. As of 2011, an estimated 1,00,000 Indian Muslims make use of the subsidy every year. In May 2012, the Supreme Court ordered the Government to end the Haj subsidy by 2022. This is only fair, as no such subsidy is offered to any other religious community in India.

As the 2014 parliamentary election nears, politicians are vying with one another to promise the moon to the voters. It comes as no surprise that a politician in Karnataka has said that it is all right for the Muslims to cheat the Government by not repaying loans taken from

various state agencies.

Also, is any Government official or politician willing to give orders in writing that the minorities (read Muslims) need not repay loans? Some politicians are good at giving gratis advice as long as they are not called upon to shoulder the

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liability or, as in this case, pay for the loan from their own pockets.

On the advice of the Union Minister for Minority Affairs, the Union Minister for Home Affairs sent a letter to Chief Ministers saying that no innocent Muslim

should be detained. This presupposes that the police is detaining innocent Muslims.

Most Muslims are loyal to India and only the anti-state elements are eventually punished by a court of law. It is also true that almost all terror attacks, be it the 2008 carnage in Mumbai or the 2001 attack on Parliament or other terror cases in Varanasi, Lucknow and Bangalore or Gujarat, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Assam, were perpetrated by terrorists aided, supported or funded by indigenous Muslim organisations.

Following an outrage, the Home Minister has now said that the letter he wrote includes all minorities, but still that doesn't take away from the core issue. Also, if the Home Minister feels that the police is harassing innocent civilians, he needs to review and revamp the police force. In other words, he needs to put his own house in order.

But then again, India is one of those countries where the laws are slanted in favour of criminals. The Supreme Court noted on April 12, 2012: "We can only observe that our legal system has made life too easy for criminals and too difficult for law-abiding citizens". Incidentally, we have few laws against terrorism in the country. The onus lies on the

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Worse still, we have no witness protection mechanism nor any law against witnesses turning hostile, after confessing before a magistrate. Confessions made even before the highest police officer in the country have no value. Instead of improving the police force and helping State Governments train and sensitise it, the Government is working at cross-purposes. But politicians will be politicians, and they will even sup with the devil for votes. As the 2014 general election approaches, there will surely be more such cases of blatant appeasement of the minorities.

For instance, some police officers have alleged that an Uttar Pradesh Minister asked

them to go slow on rioters during the communal violence in Muzaffarnagar in September. The Minister has vehemently denied the accusation and blamed rivals for the 'mud-slinging'. As George Orwell said, "Political language is often designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind."

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Having been in the Indian Police Service for nearly four decades, I can say from my experience that no police officer of any rank will ever willingly put his neck on the block to harass or prosecute anybody on the basis of religion.

Let us not forget that the Sikh separatists were eradicated from Punjab, not only by the bullet-for-bullet policy that was openly and rightly followed by Mr Julio Ribeiro, an outstanding and bold IPS officer from Maharashtra, who was appointed Director-General of Punjab Police, but also because the average Sikh in the State was fed up with the excesses committed by the anti-state elements. It was the Punjab Police and the Sikh peasantry which stood by the Government as it sought to eliminate the terrorists.

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religious pilgrimages are meant for show only. Such measures do not help any community in the long run. In a secular country, while all religions should be treated equally, obscurantism and interpretation of scriptures to suit terrorists are dangerous things.

I am all for improving the lot of the minorities, but that should be done by giving them robust educational facilities and loans (which should be repayed!) for studies, or by helping them set up new business enterprises and promoting skill development.

Also, the Government will do well to involve the Muslim community in its fight against terrorists from across the border or even of indigenous origin, as was done successfully in Punjab. There is no place in India for those who live off the country and still want to destroy it. The United Kingdom has recently stripped top terrorists of their British citizenship, without mincing any words or being apologetic. The Government of India should not be on the defensive when dealing with terrorists — Muslims or others, from India or abroad. ■

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Narendra Modi's Solutions for an Urbanized India

By Sudarshan Ramabadrn

Much has been written and widely reported that BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate and Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi does not offer any solutions and only reminds the nation of its problems. But what often goes unreported is the fact that he in his talks quite visibly outlines a vision in the form of solutions for a Transformed India.

A recent striking example was discernible at the National Summit on Inclusive Urban Development, where he laid out 'solutions for an urbanized India.'

Select towns for solid waste management and waste water treatment

In order to adapt to the demands of the rapid urbanization, experts have often stated that two critical facets have to be adhered to which is solid waste management and waste water treatment.

In his talk, Chief Minister Narendra Modi said that in one of his meetings with the Prime Minister of India, he brought up the idea of identifying 500 towns in India, where solid waste management and waste water treatment could be implemented.

He stressed upon the fact that this will ensure that what is being produced in the cities will be passed on to villages. Say for example fertilizers in the cities produced could be passed on to villages for multiple purposes. This mutual relationship between the cities and the villages will

never give rise to conflicts. This will ensure farmers and those living in the cities are also happy.

To this suggestion, the Prime Minister had responded saying that 'The idea sounds good, please show us a pilot model and then present it to the planning commission', and as expected sadly it stopped there.

But the Gujarat government on

amenities in place. If they don't then there is an urgent need to evolve social mechanisms which will help reduce inequality and ensure the basics like health, sanitation, education etc. reach those who have been deprived of the same.

Mr. Modi was spot on that there is a need to constantly reinvent and adapt to the growing



its part has taken up 50 towns in the state and has embarked on initiatives like 'Clean city, Green city' in partnership with countries like Japan to implement solid waste management and waste water treatment.

Evolve social mechanisms to reduce inequality

In order to reduce inequality, Mr. Modi opined that one must focus on inclusive growth and there is no shortcut to it, while elaborating he said that we must identify the most backward areas in our cities and towns and make note if they indeed have their basic

demands of the world in order to reduce inequality.

Conserve natural resources

Citing the example of Mahatma Gandhi's house in Porbandar, Mr. Modi said that it is a must that we conserve natural resources. The example transported everybody to Mahatma Gandhi's house to visualize an infrastructure built more than 200 years ago used for rain water harvesting. It all the more came with a pinch, that when our ancestors took such great care of conserving natural resources more than 200 years ago, why

cannot we do so now? , Mr. Modi asked

Focus on Human Resource Development

Mr. Modi stated that most of the urban activities are technical in nature, but the personnel who handle these jobs are often clerical by description. Therefore this poses as a serious limitation.

Thus the focus he said should be on opening universities on urban planning, urban

train urban police in view of the safety and security of its people. Change the psyche of the people

Citing a striking example which resonated with the audience, Mr. Modi said how he made the widely acclaimed BRTS a huge success. A list of all top personalities, political leaders, bureaucrats, lawyers etc. was made and they were all asked to travel in the BRTS, why this the

were placed in front of the audience, one, August 15, 2022 when India will celebrate 75 years of Independence. He said that all of us must envision how our cities will be like when India celebrates 75 years of independence and persistently work towards it. This he reckoned will be a great contribution to this wonderful nation.

Secondly, October 2nd 2019 will be Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, as our dedication we must work towards keeping our places clean and spread the message of cleanliness, which Mahatma Gandhi stood for. This will undoubtedly be a remarkable contribution to the father of our nation.

Each one of us should serve our nation with an intention to contribute significantly and leave a legacy for everyone to emulate, to substantiate this Mr. Modi said if a government is elected by the people for 5 years, then it should serve in such a way that there is a significant impact and that it leaves a legacy for others to emulate. As was evident, the solutions resonated with every one of those present from 411 districts and 26 states of India, to the 50 plus international delegates, to the 134 mayors, deputy mayors, to the 22 plus municipal commissioners and deputy commissioners from various municipal corporations in the country.

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Not only did they intently follow every word spoken, but admired a man of substance by even applauding with conviction and went back with a motivation that India has hope. ■

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infrastructure, urban development for the benefit of youngsters to learn the nuances in meeting the demands of urbanization. Indeed it is true, without manpower there would be no solution and if people have to play an integral role in democracy then getting the knowledge and putting it into action is by far the need of the hour.

Train Urban police

Citing the need for training urban police, Mr Modi emphasized that police personnel in urban areas require a specific kind of training to meet the demands of the law and order situation. Thus it becomes essential for both Central and state government to

Chief Minister himself admitted that he also travelled by the BRTS.

Mr. Modi did not fall of explaining the logic behind it, by stating that while offering citizen centric services it is also important change the psyche of the people towards utilizing these services.

Well, applause was all that to follow, as the audience were gripped in attention in awe of an able leader.

Serve with a vision

In my opinion, what struck an emotional chord with all those present is the fact that Mr. Modi outlined a vision for all to serve towards.

Two very vital landmark dates

Phailin devastated Ganjam in Odisha, 2.4 lakh houses damaged

Odisha Govt. failed comprehensively in post cyclone scenario

Hit hardest by Cyclone Phailin, the coastal district of Ganjam in Odisha is estimated to have suffered a heavy loss of at least Rs 3,000 crore in the nature's fury which has deprived lakhs of people of their livelihood, damaged 2.4 lakh houses and ravaged 2 lakh hectare of agriculture land. The adjoining Srikakulam district in Andhra Pradesh was also the worst hit in this cyclone. The cyclone with a gale speed of 210-230 km per hour and heavy rains made landfall in Gopalpur-on-Sea in Ganjam district on 12 October and ravaged the nearby commercial city Berhampur and affected 11 districts—bringing destruction and depression everywhere in Odisha. While timely evacuation of a million people avoided high fatalities, little could be done to mitigate

damage to the local economy so tied to agriculture and fishing. According to government data, crops spread over 668,268

their houses near sea coast, nets and boats have been damaged. The farming community has also been hit with the standing paddy



hectares have been destroyed. Some 175,000 animals and birds have been killed and more than 419,000 houses levelled or damaged in the State. Fishermen have suffered massive losses as

crop submerged in water. Power, infrastructure, roads, communication, and other installations have been damaged to a great extent. Ganjam is the worst-affected district in Odisha in terms of loss of livelihood and property. Other neighbouring districts of coastal Odisha have also seen a heavy damage of the paddy crop which is the main source of livelihood for people of that region.

RSS Swayamsevaks swung into action immediately after the cyclone hit Odisha

As the cyclone struck, it's the RSS Swayamsevaks who under the banner of Utkal Bipanna Sahayata Samiti (UBSS) spontaneously came out of their homes to extend a hand of support to the people in distress. Though the Government claimed they did an exemplary work by evacuating lakhs of people to safety before the cyclone could really struck, it was the Swayamsevaks who did the actual work. At places thousands of people were evacuated saving them from devastating flood. Swayamsevaks managed to take thousands of people to safety before the deadly cyclone struck the coast. They also provided shelter to about 7,000 people. More than 16 roads were cleared by the RSS workers for road connectivity in the affected localities.

Noteworthy, a cyclone of the same intensity had killed around 10,000 persons in 1999 in Odisha. But this time, due the timely warning of the Indian Meteorological Department to the government, over 10 lakh people were evacuated much before the cyclone could hit. The Army, Navy, Indian Air Force

(IAF) and Disaster Management teams were deployed for rescue and relief of people in the affected areas. Effect of the cyclone was also witnessed in Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Odisha in resultant devastating flood. Preliminary estimates suggest the cyclone affected 80 lakh people in Odisha, the state that bore the brunt of its fury, hitting 14,500 villages and 39 civic bodies. Five lakh hectare of standing crop are reported damaged and properties worth thousands of crores of rupees lost.

Meanwhile, the condition on the ground zero is horrible. After Twelve days of the worst cyclone hit the coast, the Ganjam district and some other adjoining areas has been plunged in darkness as the district's entire power system has literally been blown away. As the sun sets in Ganjam, it looks as if the entire district has gone back to the dark ages. It's hard to believe that Berhampur, the commercial capital of Odisha has no power supply. In the evening when the main streets of Berhampur city should buzz with activities, most of the establishments remain closed and the city comes to a standstill.

The only light one sees is the temporary lamp post set by Odisha government's OSDMA. If the city life in Berhampur is a nightmare, then one can visualize the worst situation in rural areas. The power crisis has led to an acute water shortage. Efforts to supply drinking water are inadequate. Restoration of electricity towers, damaged by the cyclone, is progressing in snail's pace.

Odisha Govt comprehensively failed and missing in action : Dharmendra Pradhan

As per the reports coming from the ground the State government led by Naveen Patnaik has miserably failed in carrying out relief operations properly and providing essential items, particularly in the worst-hit Ganjam district. People are yet to get relief in many areas even 12 days after the cyclone made a landfall and the state government failed to restore supply of electricity and water in areas affected by cyclone and resultant floods.

Visiting the cyclone ravaged Ganjam district BJP National General Secretary Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said advance and detailed information by meteorological department coupled with massive publicity



in the media have saved the loss of life in vulnerable pockets. However, he regretted that the very day after the cyclone struck, the Odisha Government was found missing and comprehensively failed to address its prime responsibilities like relief, rehabilitation and immediate repair of infrastructure vital for life in cyclone ravaged districts. Arguing that the ground level Government officials are yet to do spot verification of loss of property and livelihood, Shri Pradhan accused the State Government of banking on imaginary and contradictory figures regarding loss and damages provided by the State Secretariat.

As relief eluded hungry, in many parts of the state people took to streets and protested. This eloquently spoke of neglect on the ground and reflected people's frustration. The police resorted to lathi charge and used force to suppress democratic protest for food and other minimum amenities. By using brute force what message the Government wants to serve, Shri Pradhan questioned.

In cyclone ravaged areas specially in Ganjam district carcasses have already started to rot, foul stink coupled with threat of water borne diseases looms large as the state Government failed to address the immediate concerns, Shri Pradhan said.

Shri Pradhan regretted that nobody from political leadership of Central Government have found time to visit people in distress, urged Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to visit and see for himself the devastation caused by severe cyclone. Basing on 1999 super cyclone he justified people of the state's right for a special package from the centre.

Shri Pradhan announced to donate his one month's salary to Chief Minister's relief fund as token of his concern. ■

Harsh Vardhan named Delhi's CM candidate by BJP



The Bharatiya Janata Party named former Delhi BJP President Dr. Harsh Vardhan as its chief ministerial candidate for the 2013 Delhi Assembly elections. The final decision was taken by Parliamentary Board of the BJP. Announcing the decision, BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh said: "I congratulate Dr Harsh Vardhan on being chosen as BJP's CM candidate for Delhi. Shri Rajnath said the decision was taken keeping in mind the track record of Dr. Harsh Vardhan who was praised nationwide when he was Delhi's Health Minister as well his contribution to the party while he was Delhi BJP President.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan is an Otolaryngologist by profession. During the BJP's government in Delhi (1993–1998), he served in various capacities in the state cabinet, including Health Minister, Law Minister and Education Minister. Dr. Vardhan has never lost an election to the Vidhan Sabha. He is one of the few politicians in the country to enjoy broad, bipartisan admiration. Former Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral famously commented at an international event: "If I have to single out one minister for an outstanding award in India, then my first choice will be Dr Harsh Vardhan".

Dr. Harsh Vardhan was conferred the Paul Harris Fellowship by Rotary International twice. The International Institute of Polypathy based in Milan, Italy, nominated him as a Fellow in 1996. In 1995, the then President of Lions International, Mr. C. Pino Grimaldi, awarded him the Lions International Service Award. In 1994, he received the "IMA President's Special Award of Appreciation" and was given the "IMA Special Award to Eminent Medical Men for Distinguished Achievement of Highest Order" for two successive years – 1995 and 1996. On "Doctor's Day", July 1, 2002, he was named "Doctor of the last Decade" (Swastha Ratna) by the New Delhi branch of the Indian Medical Association for being the "noblest medical campaigner of the last decade". ■

BJP demands prosecution of Nitish, Shivanand in fodder scam

Former Chief Minister of Bihar Shri Sushil Kumar Modi demands prosecution of Nitish Kumar and Shivanand Tiwari for their alleged involvement in fodder scam. Shri Sushil Kumar Modi demands prosecution of Nitish Kumar and Shivanand Tiwari for their alleged involvement in fodder scam.

Shri Sushil Kumar Modi wondered why the CBI had not acted against Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his party leader Shivanand Tiwari when their names had appeared in the original statement of late Shyam Bihari Sinha, a key accused in the multi-crore rupees fodder scam.

Showing copies of Sinha's confessional statement recorded in the early '90s, Modi said that Nitish Kumar, who was in Samata Party at the time the incident took place, received Rs. 1 crore in 1995 through one Vijay Kumar Mullick as his part of the cut from the fodder scam loot while Shivanand Tiwari, then in Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), was given Rs. 35 lakh by Tripurari Mohan Prasad against his demand of Rs. 50 lakh to keep his mouth shut.

Demanding immediate prosecution against both Kumar and Tiwari, who is now a member of the Janata Dal – U, Sh. Modi said that other accused in the case had confirmed Sinha's statement confirming both had received money from the fodder scam loot. "The CBI, at the behest of the UPA government, is showing soft corner for Nitish Kumar and his party spokesperson Shivanand Tiwari. RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav is in jail today based on the confessional statement of R. K. Rana so why is Sinha's statement against Nitish and Tiwari not good enough for a prosecution," Modi demanded to know. ■

'Public Policy Research Centre' launched

Terror & talks can't go together : Rajnath

BJP National President, Shri Rajnath Singh launched officially an institutional set up for policy research at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Smruti Nyas in Delhi on 21st October, the 62nd anniversary of the foundation of Bharatiya Jan Sangh. Known as Public Policy Research Centre (PPRC), this set up initiated by Shri Nitin Gadkari during his tenure in September 2011 was officially launched at its new premises on Subramaniam Bharati Marg. Besides Rajnath Singh, two former BJP Presidents, Shri Nitin Gadkari and Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu and Party General Secretary(Organisational) Shri Ram Lal attended this launching ceremony. At this occasion, research-based document titled as "When lotus blooms!" outlining major achievements of BJP regimes at the centre as well as in States was released.



Speaking on the occasion Shri Rajnath Singh lambasted Pakistan and said that terror and talks could not go together. "There is no role for any third party involvement in the issues between Pakistan and India," Rajnath Singh said in the backdrop of Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's reported appeal to US for mediation. He suggested India to hit back at Pakistan over issues of contention.

Earlier addressing the elite gathering former BJP President M. Venkaiah Naidu accused the Congress of having used the original Congress's independence movement role to its advantage in elections over the years, Shri Naidu claimed that today's Congress is more akin to the pre-Independence Muslim League. The BJP, he said, represents the nationalist zeal of original Congress. Naidu added that the spirit and ethos of Madan Mohan Malviya, G K Gokhale, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Subhas Chandra Bose and Sardar Patel have been echoed by BJP stalwarts over the years.

Former BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, to whom PPRC is brainchild, said BJP objective in politics is to set a roadmap for inclusive development. The imbalance in development is equally detrimental in the longer run as slow development. He added, I dream of society free from fear, hunger, and terror.

PPRC's Director Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudde and BJP national executive member Shri Nalin Kohali also spoke on the occasion. ■

BJP Mahila Morcha celebrates birthday of Rajmata

BJP Mahila Morcha celebrated 94th birth anniversary of first BJP Mahila Morcha National President Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia by organizing a function at BJP National headquarter in New Delhi on October 13, 2013. Rajmata Scindia was also a founder member of BJP. On the occasion BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh garlanded the statue of Rajmata Scindia. While addressing the gathering Shri Singh said that they should follow the footsteps of Rajmata Scindia. She came to the *lokpath* by quitting *rajpath*. She became *lokmata*. During emergency she was sent to Jail and kept with sentenced women prisoners. She will be remembered generation to generation. Her sacrifice, devotion and affection are our strength. The function was attended by Mahila Morcha Prabhari Smt. Mridula Sinha, Mahila Morcha National Vice President Smt. Latika Sharma, National Secretary Asha Sharma, National office Secretary Yogita Singh, Sudha Jain and other women activists of the party. ■



KERALA

BJP demands action on Edayar violence

Kerala BJP spokesperson Shri V.V. Rajesh has urged the Congress led Kerala government to take stringent action against those involved in the violence that erupted at Edayar near Thiruvananthapuram, recently. Interacting with media persons Shri Rajesh told reporters that the violence was part of a conspiracy to evict the majority communities from the coastal areas of the city.

By refusing to arrest the accused, the UDF government was aiding and abetting those involved in the violence. Several houses and vehicles were damaged in the incident. Since the government had not taken any step to assess the damage caused to people and property, a group of Hindu organisations had decided to repair the vehicles and houses on its own, he said.

NAGALAND

Student delegation from Nagaland meets Narendra Modi

On Tuesday 22nd October 2013 Shri Narendra Modi met a delegation from Nagaland in Gandhinagar. The delegation of the Nagaland Student Federation lauded the development journey of Gujarat in the last decade under the leadership of Shri Narendrabhai Modi.

The students, who are studying the development in Nagaland, wished Shri Modi the very best for his new responsibility as the BJP's PM candidate and said that every Indian who is proud of India's unity and interests wants a strong and capable leadership at the helm.

UTTAR PRADESH

BJP to emerge stronger after assembly polls : Kalyan Singh

Predicting Bharatiya Janata Party's victory in the forthcoming assembly elections in five states, former UP Chief Minister Shri Kalyan Singh said that BJP would emerge stronger after these polls as people

now wanted to get rid of the corrupt Congress-led United Progressive Alliance Government. He said the assembly elections in the five states would be the semi-finals of the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. "The people are fed up with the corruption rampant in Congress regime, the 'goonda raj' for Samajwadi Party rule and 'lootraj' of the Bahujan Samaj Party. They now want a change," Shri Singh said while talking to media persons in Kanpur.

"The wind favoring BJP will sweep across the country after the assembly elections in five states, including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Delhi and Mizoram," he said. The former Chief Minister said that BJP would give its best in these assembly elections as they were a sort of semi-finals to the parliamentary polls ahead.

ODISHA

Naveen panicky about CBI probe : KV Singh Deo

Why did Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik make preferential treatment in the cases of a few companies, including Hindalco, while writing letters to the Prime Minister to allocate coal blocks," questioned BJP State President Shri KV Singh Deo at a Press meet in Bhubaneswar on 19 October. Shri Deo said the Chief Minister's "panic reaction" in connection with the coal block allocation to Hindalco has raised eyebrows towards his role in the issue. He issued a Press statement fearing possible interrogation to him by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), he added.

"What was the reason for Patnaik writing the letter in May 2005 to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) recommending allocation of the Talabira II coal block to Hindalco whose application was turned down by the 25th Screening Committee," asked Shri Singh Deo, adding, "Why didn't the Chief Minister write for other companies?"

He demanded that both the Central and State Governments give answer about the undue favour towards a particular company. He also said the State Government needs to answer about irregularities in the case of the Sainik-OMC joint venture. Only cancelling the deal won't help; adequate reply is needed for violating the existing joint venture norms, he added. ■

Ahimsa

By Sri Swami Sivananda

In the regeneration and divinisation of man, the first step is to eliminate his beastly nature. The predominant trait in beasts is cruelty. Therefore, wise sages prescribe Ahimsa (non-injury). This is the most effective master-method to counteract and eradicate completely the brutal, cruel Pasu-Svabhava (bestial nature) in man.

Practice of Ahimsa develops love. Ahimsa is another name for truth or love. Ahimsa is universal love. It is pure love. It is divine Prem. Where there is love, there you will find Ahimsa. Where there is Ahimsa, there you will find love and selfless service. They all go together.

The one message of all saints and prophets of all times and climes, is the message of love, of Ahimsa, of selfless service. Ahimsa is the noblest and best of traits that are found expressed in the daily life and activities of perfected souls. Ahimsa is the one means, not only to attain Salvation, but also to enjoy uninterrupted peace and bliss. Man attains peace by injuring no living creature.

There is one religion - the religion of love, of peace. There is one message, the message of Ahimsa. Ahimsa is a supreme duty of man. Ahimsa, or refraining from causing pain to any living creature, is a distinctive quality emphasized by Indian ethics. Ahimsa or non-violence has been the central doctrine of Indian culture from the earliest days of its history. Ahimsa is a great spiritual force.

Meaning of Ahimsa

Ahimsa or non-injury, of course, implies non-killing. But, non-injury is not merely non-killing. In its comprehensive meaning, Ahimsa or non-injury means entire abstinence from causing any pain or harm whatsoever to any living creature, either by thought, word, or deed. Non-injury requires a harmless mind, mouth, and hand. Ahimsa is not mere negative non-injury. It is positive, cosmic love. It is the development of a mental attitude in which hatred is replaced by love. Ahimsa is true sacrifice. Ahimsa is forgiveness. Ahimsa is Sakti (power). Ahimsa is true strength.

Subtle Forms of Himsa

Only the ordinary people think that Ahimsa is not to hurt any living being physically. This is but the gross form of Ahimsa. The vow of Ahimsa is broken even by showing contempt towards another man, by entertaining unreasonable dislike for or prejudice towards anybody, by frowning at another man, by hating another man, by abusing another man, by speaking ill of others, by backbiting or vilifying, by harbouring thoughts of hatred, by uttering lies, or by ruining another man in any way whatsoever.

Ahimsa, a Quality of the Strong

If you practice Ahimsa, you should put up with insults, rebukes, criticisms and assaults also. You should never retaliate nor wish to offend anybody even under extreme provocation. You should not

entertain any evil thought against anybody. You should not harbour anger. You should not curse. You should be prepared to lose joyfully even your life in the cause of Truth. The Ultimate Truth can be attained only through Ahimsa.

Ahimsa is the acme of bravery. Ahimsa is not possible without fearlessness. Non-violence cannot be practiced by weak persons. Ahimsa cannot be practiced by a man who is terribly afraid of death and has no power of resistance and endurance. It is a shield, not of the effeminate, but of the potent. Ahimsa is a quality of the strong. It is a weapon of the strong. When a man beats you with a stick, you should not entertain any thought of retaliation or any unkind feeling towards the tormentor. Ahimsa is the perfection of forgiveness.

Remember the noble actions of great sages of yore. Jayadeva, the author of Gita-Govinda, gave large and rich present to his enemies who cut off his hands, and obtained Mukti (liberation) for them through his sincere prayers. He said: "O my lord! Thou hast given Mukti to Thy enemies, Ravana and Kamsa. Why canst Thou not give Mukti to my enemies now?" A saint or a sage possesses a magnanimous heart. Pavahari Baba carried the bag of vessels and followed the thief saying: "O Thief Narayana! I never knew that You visited my cottage. Pray accept these things." The thief was quite astonished. He left off his evil habit from that very second and became a disciple of Pavahari Baba.

Remember the noble actions of saints like Jayadeva and Pavahari Baba, you will have to follow their principles and ideals. ■

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