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Atalji addressing the public on the anti-cow slaughter day.



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Arjuna, the wise man to whom pain and pleasure are alike, and who is not tormented by these contacts, becomes eligible for immortality

– (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 15)

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"It is easy to lead agitations but a tough job to form and run a party"

-Nitin Gadkari

"Delhi Government's plans to privatize water distribution violates the provisions of the Constitution which provides Right to Life."

-Sushma Swaraj

"This election(Gujarat assembly election) has to be taken as a challenge by every party worker and team BJP will win it with flying colours. This party runs on the power of its workers."

-Narendra Modi

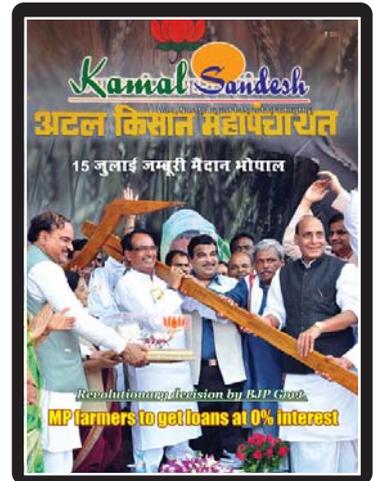
Letter to the Editor

Why is Assam burning?

Dear Editor,

The illegal immigration of Bangladeshis has become a serious problem for India. Recent riots in Kokrajhar and Chirang districts in Assam have indicated that the problem has become more grave. Keeping eye on vote-bank, the Congress party has been neglecting the issue and has left the people of the State die in riots. Illegal immigrants have been one of Assam's biggest issues for the last two decades. Assam shares a 272-km-long border with Bangladesh. A vast stretch of that is still unfenced. The large-scale infiltration from across the border is threatening the region's demographic profile. Though the exact number of illegal immigrants is not known, generally it is estimated that about more than 20 million Bangladeshis are illegally staying in India. Of this number, about more than 6 million are present in Assam alone. There are no official estimates for the number of migrants in Assam. But illegal migrant's population is continuously on rise. Due to this unabated illegal immigration at least five districts of lower Assam are now dominated by the Bangladeshis.

Bhaskar Bikram Chetia,
Guwahati



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Anna in *Daldal*

Editorial...

Anna Hazare stands for - movement, fast, Jantar-Mantar, Ramlila ground, Ralegaon Siddhi, juice, sponsored attraction, crowd of non-political people, doctors, blood pressure, sugar, national song, film stars, civil society, tricolor, mineral water, coke-pepsi, IRS, IPS, IAS, Gandhi cap, MBA, MCA, Software engineer, SMS, missed call, parliament, constitution, MP, abusing MPs, corruption, Janlokalpal, sit-ins -demonstration, gherao, Tihar jail, heaps of abuse, pride, invocation, applauses, Mahatma Gandhi, non-violence, Shivaji, violence, threats, terrorising, forceful compulsion, Baba Ramdeo, Black money, Team Anna, politics, political parties, hatred for politicians, Swami Agnivesh, Kazmi, charges-counter charges, Ex-army chief VK Singh, foreign aid, RSS, Vilasrao Deshmukh, Kapil Sibal, P Chidambaram, cooperation from all parties, election campaign...

If anyone desires to make a film from the beginning of Anna-fast to the end of fast and announcement to float a political party then he will be compelled to write the above mentioned words in his script. Has anyone any right to play emotional blackmailing with the feelings of India? Will now people support anyone like Anna Hazare if he wants to draw the attention of the nation towards some genuine issues? Has someone the right to disgrace the faith of the people in the name of Janlokalpal? Why the people were cheated? If the aim was politics then why all these things were done? Was it necessary to come into politics? Is it justified to ask the country to rise in the name of Janlokalpal and then dump it in the dustbin by breaking both its knees? Gandhi was born. Loknayak was also born. They were not formed. Nor were they created. They had come forward to awaken the nation to save independence and democracy even at the cost of their lives. Therefore the country called one the 'Father of the Nation' and the other 'Loknayak'. Both great personalities were surrounded by patriots – not with the bureaucrats. Neither Father of the Nation had any hidden agenda nor the Loknayak.

The manner in which Team-Anna hurled abuses against the politics, political parties and political leaders from its forum, now that it has decided to enter politics what would they say about themselves? What kind of convention is this? No one will cite it as rule of Father of the Nation or Loknayak. Any political analyst, sociologist or observer evaluating the journey from Anna-fast to Anna-politics would definitely observe that they have not followed what they preached. The country is furiously angry. The people are neither dumb nor deaf or blind. People understand everything and make everyone understand also. The people have now understood. How are you and how is your team? The 'action in reaction' ultimately meets the same end. Neither these people are the ones who will lay their lives nor will they live for the country. They are synonymous with opportunism who always look for opportunity. One who ditches the time, time never spares him. Crops cannot be harvested by crocodile tears. Result never comes without struggle. Struggle is life not a drama. It is only due to tolerance of the political parties and their leaders that they are still saying that everyone has the right to be in politics. Otherwise the manner in which Team- Anna mistreated leaders one wonders as to what would have happened if these parties had reacted in the same way.

Anna says it is satyagraha. But it has taken a wrong turn. Anna satyagraha was sacrificed at the altar of a new political party. The person who was an army driver got distracted by the politics of his own people.

Opportunist Team-Anna hurled abuses at Congress, BJP and even attacked Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. It has not enslaved itself to any political party but no one believed that it will meet a political death. Politics is not so easy. Making a party is even more difficult. Many big political parties who are engaged in serving Bharat Mata are not getting success

in solving the problems of the nation then what will be the outcome of Anna movement? It will be decided by time. Even by being a political party BJP never opposed Anna, party president Shri Nitin Gadkari maintained that we are with the ones who are opposed to corruption and black money. And that was why BJP was the only political party which was openly supporting Anna.

The harvest in the field cannot be compared with the grasses on its edge. It is the tradition of India that it salutes commitment and brings an end to the conspiracy. The media houses which sang paeans for it were seen lambasting it for its declaration of joining politics. Media also understands the difference between fast, movement and politics. Till now the media used to target the politicians. But in the Anna movement media itself was targeted. Vagrancy is neither a way out nor a solution. It is neither a destination nor a station. The endless phenomenon of aimless movements has now started.

Once, Baba Jaigurudev had tried his hands by starting Doordarshi Party. Maharshi Yogi also had formed a political party. After some days neither the party nor Yogi was to be seen. Let's see what happens to the politics of Anna Baba in the days to come. ■

Amrit Mahotsava of Jayashree Banerjee observed in Jabalpur

On July 7, 2012 the Amrit Mahotsav of senior BJP leader Smt. Jayashree Banerjee was organized in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. She attained the age of 75 years. In the function Smt. Jayashree Banerjee was honoured with *Abhinandan Patra* for her commitment towards social and political life. On this occasion, a documentary film on her social and political life was released. Besides BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, Former RSS Sarsanghchalak Shri Sudarshan Ji, BJP National General Secretaries Shri J.P Nadda and Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Madhya Pradesh BJP President Shri Prabhat Jha along with a large number of leaders and activists of BJP and people from different walks of life participated in the function.

Born on 2 July 1938, Smt. Jayashree Banerjee is the grand daughter of Late Shri Radha

Nath Sikdar, one of the founder members of Archaeological Survey of India and also the first person to measure the height of Mount Everest. She is also daughter-

in-law of late Shri Suniti Chatterjee, who was an eminent linguist and literary figure of four languages. She has been active in politics since 1959 and worked for Lalpur Narmada Water Project and organised Fifth National Women Sports Competition in Jabalpur. Apart from participating and initiating a number of projects she got active into politics since Jansangh days. She was elected to Madhya Pradesh Legislative assembly in 1977, 1990 & 1993 and also served the State as



Cabinet Minister for Local Self-Government, Social Welfare, Sports and Jail. She was also elected to 13th Lok Sabha from Jabalpur in 1999.

On the occasion while felicitating Smt. Jayashree Banerjee, BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari was also all praise for Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and said that the way the Madhya Pradesh Government and the party organization are functioning in tandem is an example for other States to follow. ■

Assam violence : Hundreds killed and four lakhs displaced

Congress vote bank politics triumphs over India's unity and integrity

From Our Correspondent

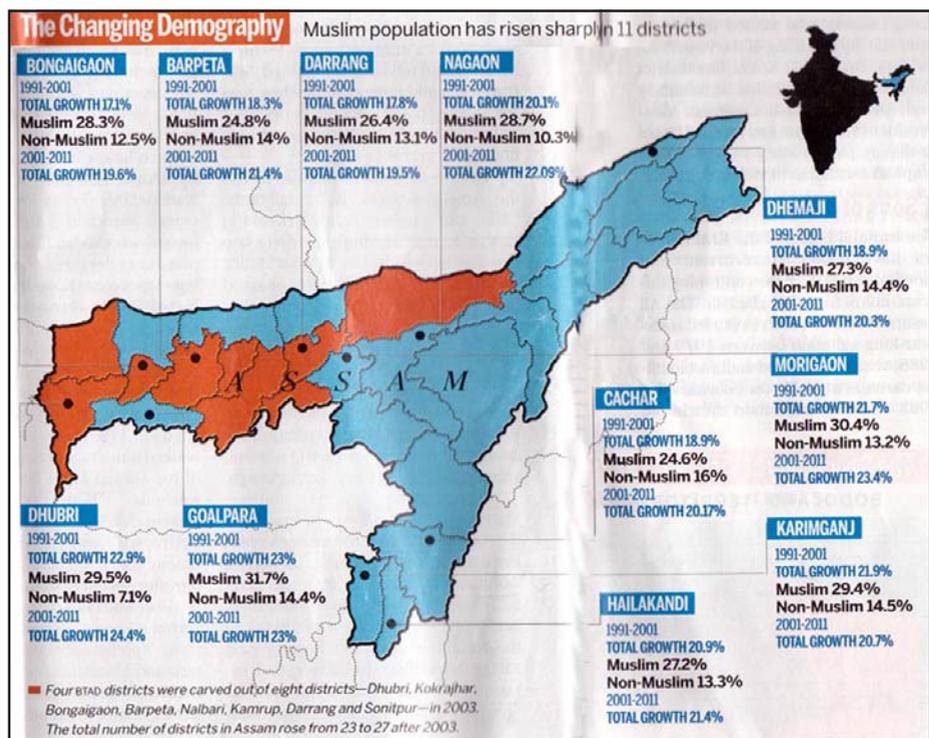
The recent sectarian violence in Assam has taken hundreds of lives so far and lakhs of people have been rendered homeless. The riots between the native Bodos and the illegal Bangladeshi migrants in the Kokrajhar and Chirang districts of lower Assam have brought to the forefront the explosive situation existing in the State since decades due to huge illegal migration from across the border. Experts believe that these illegal migrants have not only altered the demography of the State during these years but they have also usurped the land of the Adivasis and the natives resulting in discontentment among the people. The recent violence is a pointer to this. The atmosphere is still tense and sporadic violence is continuing unabated. Thousands of houses have been burnt, more than 5000 villages have been affected, and people are forced to take shelter in the relief camps. Even the trains are being targeted and connectivity disrupted adding up to the panic quotient.

Autonomous Districts of lower Assam (BTAD) are unfortunate and reprehensible. However, these clashes were not wholly unexpected. If we focus on the causes of the Assam violence, which has a long and complicated history, then one thing will emerge that a small incident has the potential to trigger a chain reaction in the State. What exactly worked as the catalyst this time is mere speculation. As per reports, the localized clashes between the Bodo tribals and the migrant Muslim community soon engulfed the entire region of lower Assam and the inexcusable delay in deploying

the army in the area made matters even worse. However, the Assam Police maintains that clashes began when suspected Bangladeshi settlers killed four Bodo youths in Kokrajhar district in retaliation for the murder of two Muslims on July 19. And therefore what started as a gang war in Kokrajhar engulfed Chirang, Dhubri and Bongaigaon in riots. Bodos claim that they had no hand in the incidents of killing and that situation would not have gone out of hand had the culprits been nabbed in time.

Despite the warnings of his cabinet colleagues and district Congress members Assam Chief

The ethnic clashes in the Bodoland Territorial



Minister Tarun Gogoi and the State administration neither took this issue seriously nor took any preventive steps to control the violence.

It has been alleged that the Congress government in Assam maintained silence as the Bodo Peoples Front happens to be their coalition partner while illegal Bangladeshi migrants constitute their core vote bank. Now the law and order in the State has deteriorated to such an extent that the Chief Minister himself has claimed that there is politics behind the carnage as his deputies are plotting his removal and he also criticized the Union home minister for his inaction. Similarly, the Congress MPs from Assam after meeting the former Home Minister P Chidambaram criticized the State government and claimed that, "We have lost confidence in the state government and in its ability to control violence and that is why we have asked the Centre to intervene".

Question arises that, isn't the Congress government in the state directly responsible for its criminal negligence in responding to the worsening situation in and around Kokrajhar, even though there were plenty of indications of imminent conflicts? Secondly, should the Congress led UPA government at the Centre not be held guilty for its persistent, conscious and deliberate inaction while being aware of the root cause of the conflicts – namely, the massive influx of infiltration of Bangladeshis into Assam, including into the Bodo areas? The answer to both questions is in the positive. Therefore, the Congress both at

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Advani blames Bangladeshi immigrants for Assam violence & calls for national consensus

BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri LK Advani blamed illegal immigration of people from Bangladesh into Assam for the communal violence in the state. Shri Advani, who is touring the riot affected state, said that, "There was a criminal delay by the Congress government in handling the crisis".

Interacting with media persons Shri Advani said, "Today's situation arose firstly because of a criminal delay in dealing with the situation when symptoms were already



there that something could happen. But as I said, the introspection must lead to identification of the root cause, which is this issue of illegal immigration from Bangladesh".

He further said as a result of the infiltration in collusion of state government and central government, people of Assam are feeling that they are losing control over their own land while illegal Bangladeshis have embarked upon large-scale land grab. The second is the ethnic problem. The Bodos face the threat of marginalization in their own land and the third problem is the demographic change taking place in Assam, he said.

Comparing the situation of the displaced in Assam with that of the displaced Kashmiri Pundits, he said, "I would like the prime minister, Congress president and state government of Assam to honestly introspect as to where the guilt lies. How did all this happen?"

Shri Advani also pressed that Indo-Bangladesh border be sealed immediately and sought more deployment of army and Para-Military forces to check the spread of violence that had so far claimed hundreds of lives.

Shri Advani also called for creation of a national consensus on the problem of illegal immigrants and conflict over land rights, which frequently led to problems in Assam. He said the government must try to create a national consensus on four issues. Political parties should also be part of the consensus. And, in the coming session of Parliament, it will be my party's endeavour to bring around Parliament to these four points". ■

the centre and the State are to be held guilty for its collusion in the massive influx of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh into the interior pockets of Assam.

It is noteworthy to mention that lack of political will among State and Central governments has added fuel to the raging fire over the years in Assam. In the late 1970s, the All Assam Students Union (AASU) began

speaking Muslims called Nellie near Guwahati became the scene of the biggest genocidal incident in the history of India. More than 2,200 people were killed in one night. The Nellie massacre of 1983 and the Assam Agitation of 1979-1985 forced the government to sign the Assam Accord of 1985. Although it focused on the detection and deportation of Bangladeshi migrants, successive

declared by the Foreigners Tribunal of Guwahati High Court, has been made. In the past seven years, the Congress led UPA government has done nothing to honour the court's directive. Obviously, the Congress party's vote bank politics has triumphed over its concern for India's unity and integrity.

It is striking that Assam has been virtually sitting on a huge tinderbox. Due to heavy migration the demography has completely changed in more than 10 districts. As per the census report out of the 27 districts in Assam, 11 of them have become religion-wise Muslim majority districts.

The systematic grabbing of government lands and the steady encroachment of denuded forest areas by illegal immigrants and non-indigenous communities have created serious differences among the local indigenous populations. If the government wants to resolve the issue permanently then it has to treat the Assam problem as an Indian vs. Foreigner issue, and not as a Hindu vs. Muslim issue. Secondly, an updated National Register of Citizens (NRC) by deleting the names of non-citizens from the voters' list in Assam is a must and thirdly, the government has to deport the illegal migrants from India. Unless this basic issue of illegal migration into the country is resolved, this type of conflict and violence will continue to recur, if not in Assam then elsewhere may be in some other form. It is about time that the Congress party rose above party interests to safeguard the unity and integrity of India. ■



agitating to evict all illegal aliens from Assam. It demanded a National Register of Citizens, Bangladeshis' disenfranchisement from electoral rolls, and their deportation. When elections were scheduled for Assam's Legislative Assembly in late 1979, the AASU campaigned to postpone the elections until the foreigner issue was resolved. But the Government ignored the popular demand.

The rest of India remained unaware to the Assam situation until the horror of Nellie shook them out of their complacency. On 18 February 1983, a small village inhabited by Bengali-
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governments in Assam and Centre failed miserably on this front and only a few hundred were ever sent back to Bangladesh.

On 21 July, 2007 the Supreme Court declared the Illegal Migrants Determination by Tribunal (IMDT) Act illegal and unconstitutional. It had also warned that the large-scale infiltration from Bangladesh constituted 'external aggression'.

The apex court had also urged the Central Government to take effective steps to stop the influx of Bangladeshis. Even then, no formal deportation of illegal immigrants, as also

Vote Bank politics pursued by Congress Party is solely responsible for the sectarian violence in Assam : Ranjit Dutta



Assam State BJP President Shri Ranjit Dutta has handled responsibilities in the BJYM as its National Secretary, State BJP General Secretary and has been elected twice as a Member of Legislative Assembly from the BJP before assuming the charge of State BJP President in 2009. Under his dynamic leadership as State BJP President the Party has effectively raised its voice on issues concerning the people of Assam and resisted all such attempts of the State Congress government aimed at weakening and destabilising the State. The Party has taken up relentless struggle through democratic means to highlight the failure of the Congress government on issues of illegal Bangladeshi migrants, curbing rampant corruption, severe unemployment crises and deteriorating law and order in Assam.

*In an interview for **Kamal Sandesh** with Editorial Team Member **Shri Ram Prasad Tripathy** over phone from Kokrajhar **Shri Ranjit Dutta** revealed the gravity of the issue of illegal migration which have been taking place with the full knowledge of Congress led UPA at the Centre and the Congress government in the State, its serious repercussions on the demographic profile and law and order in Assam and the plans of BJP to uproot the Congress from the State. Excerpts:*

The recent sectarian violence in Assam has taken hundreds of lives so far and lakhs of people have been displaced from their homes. What is the reason behind this violence and who should be held responsible for this?

Illegal Bangladeshi migrants have been infiltrating into Assam since the last four decades. These illegal migrants have not only altered the demography of the State but have also usurped the land of the Adivasis and the natives resulting in discontentment among the people. The recent sectarian violence is an outcome of this. Needless to say that pampering illegal migrants has become a part of the vote bank politics of Congress. Unfortunately it has been happening with the full knowledge of Congress led Union and State governments and hence both are responsible for the recent violence in the State. The Assam Chief Minister has no right to continue in office after this colossal loss of life and property and the centre should dismiss the State government led by Tarun Gogoi.

The illegal migration from Bangladesh has created umpteen problems for Assam by altering its demography and socio-political matrix. The people of the state have been demanding the ouster of the illegal migrants from the state. Even the Supreme Court revoked the IMDT act in 2007. Despite this, why the issue of illegal migration remains unsettled in Assam? How do you see the recent developments and what is the stand of the BJP on this issue?

The economy and culture of Assam have been badly affected by the continuous illegal migration from Bangladesh. Initially, the All Assam Students Union (AASU) took up the issue in the year 1979 and after the famous 'Assam Movement' the leaders and the Central Government signed an accord in 1985. Although the students took over the charge of the Government after the Assam Accord, they miserably failed to detect and deport the illegal infiltrators. The Supreme Court has also declared the IMDT Act illegal on 21 July, 2007. Even then, no formal deportation of illegal immigrants, as declared by the Foreigners Tribunal of Guwahati High Court, has been made. Over the years, the Central and State Government have not paid serious attention to this issue. The

continuous influx of illegal migrants has generated fears among the Assamese people that they will be reduced to a minority in their own homeland. Unfortunately the Congress party led state government has been using the illegal immigrants for safeguarding its vote bank. The people coming illegally from Bangladesh fearing deportation have been siding with the Congress Party and due to this nexus the issue has remained unsettled.

The stand of the BJP in this regard is very clear which is based on the Immigrants (Expulsion from Assam) Act, 1950.

Do you think a permanent solution of the illegal migration problem is possible? What the BJP has done to expose the questionable role of the state government?

The recent violence in Assam is the worst in decades. BJP has taken several steps to highlight the issue of illegal migration into Assam. During Advaniji's recent visit to Assam, he has discussed this issue with 32 organisations of the state and in coming days BJP has planned to take up this issue both at the national and the grassroots level in Assam. But before that, the vote bank politics has to be stopped and the government must take steps to check the illegal infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals. Otherwise, it is difficult to find a permanent solution of this problem.

The illegal migration from Bangladesh is still continuing despite the presence of BSF on the Border. Do you think that the security forces have failed to keep vigil in the border areas or is the present Central government been lenient on this?

The presence of BSF in the Border is just for records. Assam shares a 270 Kms long border with Bangladesh, which is not protected till date with fencing. In the recent past in a very unfortunate development, the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) killed several BSF personal in the Dhubri districts of Assam but the Union government has not woken up. The BSF has no role to play in the border area because as per the new instructions given by the Ministry of Home Department they do not have the power to fire at the illegal intruders. Moreover, many BSF personnel are alleged to have been allowing illegal migrants to cross over to India for sheer monetary considerations.

Flood is the perennial problem for Assam.

Thousands of people get displaced due to floods every year. Do you think the Congress governments at the State and Centre have taken enough steps to address the issue?

Yes, flood is the perennial problem for Assam. This years devastating floods displaced several Thousands of people out of their home. So far as the State or Central Governments efforts are concerned they have never put serious thoughts to redress this recurrent problem of Assam.

Insurgency activities carried out by ULFA and BODOLAND has proved a bane for the progress of the state. Is there a permanent solution in sight?

Definitely, these problems can be solved. The Government should identify the root cause of insurgency in this region and sincere efforts should be made to ensure overall economic growth of all the regions of the State, employment generation and more government assistance for infrastructure development in the State. I don't think if the Government put serious efforts to settle this issues then it will not be solved.

Recent incidents like the mass molestation of a minor girl at Guwahati and its handling by the government has brought bad name for the state. Do you think the law and order situation of the state has completely collapsed?

Law and order of the state has completely collapsed. So far as the molestation of the girl at Guwahati is concerned, it is one such incident which has come to light due to the presence of media on the spot. Undoubtedly, it brought bad name for the State and we are ashamed of such barbaric activities happening in Assam.

Prime minister Dr. Manmohan Singh has been representing Assam in the Rajya Sabha. Do you think the central government led by him has given due attention to the development of the State?

No. Dr. Manmohan Singh never gave any attention to the development of Assam.

How do you rate the performance of the Congress Government in the State? Has the state government been successful in implementing its electoral promises? Has the State government been fair towards all the regions of the State? What steps the BJP has taken to expose the failures of the State government?

The performance of the present Congress led State

Government has been very disappointing and a failure. What to talk of fulfilling its electoral promises it has made, the condition of common man has worsened than what it was few years back. All the regions of the state are suffering and there is no ray of hope for the people even in the near future.

The BJP has been continuously in the forefront in Assam highlighting the basic problems of the people due to the omissions and commissions of the government. It has been ceaselessly agitating through democratic means to highlight the failure of the Congress government on issues like deporting illegal Bangladeshi migrants, provision of essential services to the people, curbing rampant corruption in the State, growing crime, severe unemployment crises and deteriorating law and order etc.

BJP's performance in the parliamentary elections

in Assam has been consistently good but in the assembly elections it has been far from satisfactory. Do you think the BJP can perform better in the upcoming elections, and what plans has the party devised for this?

The future of BJP in Assam is very bright. People have great expectations from us as they are of the view that it is the only political party which has been raising the issues related to common man and agitating for the rights of the people of Assam. In North-East there are as many as 19 regional political parties. The general trend is that people prefer regional parties in the assembly election. But in case of BJP, people have been supporting us in the parliamentary elections and with a futuristic vision and young leadership I believe BJP is a viable option for the people and in the coming elections the people will certainly support BJP. ■

BJP Human Rights Cell organizes 'National Meet'

BJP Human Rights Cell organized its 'National Meet' on Sunday, 5th August, 2012 in New Delhi. BJP National Vice-President **Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari** in his address to the delegates in the National Meet said that time has come to raise a voice against violations. BJP National General Secretary

Sh. Vijay Goel asked the people to come forward and fight social evils. He also suggested people to raise strong voice against violations. BJP National General Secretary & Spokesperson **Sh. J P Nadda** told the delegates that Human Right is not a new or foreign imported word. He reminded the gathering of the Quates from Vedas and Purans about Duties and Rights of human-being mentioned therein. **BJP National Spokesperson Shri Shahnawaj Hussain** in his address, asked the members of the Cell to reach the people at large and discuss problems faced by them. He suggested them to take all steps to solve their problems. He also suggested the members of the Cell to remain alert of coloured Human Right Activists who are raising voice for rights of Terrorists and Maoists but remain silent when general public suffers due to attacks by these terrorits or maoists. **BJP National Secretary Shri Shyam Jaju**, National In-charge of the Cell **Shri Avinash Rai Khanna** and National Convenor **Shri Sudhir Aggarwal** also addressed the Delegates. Around 250 Delegates from about 20 States were present.

During the meet two books "Sankalp Abhiyan- Pad Yatra" and "Performance Report 2010-11" were also released by the dignitaries. Social Activists and Conveners, Co-conveners from various States were also hounoured by the chief guest. **Issues** affecting Jammu & Kashmir, Assam, Maoists Attacks, Incresing Crime graph , Suicides by Farmers were raised and discussed in details. Delegates from various States submitted their reports on working since inception. ■



The only solution is the hardest one

By Tathagata Roy



We must accept that Bangladeshi migration is the root cause of all disaffection in Assam. Unless niceties are discarded and the task of identifying and expelling foreigners taken up, Assam will continue to see riots like last week's explosion

So where is Kokrajhar and who live there? Kokrajhar is district headquarters town in 'Lower Assam' (Namoni Akhom in Assamese). Near Kokrajhar the mighty river makes a wide leftwards right-angle turn, changing its flow from westwards to southwards before it enters Bangladesh just below Dhuburi. It is also close to the border with West Bengal's Kooch Bihar district. Its topography is like that of any river valley, plains sandwiched between the Bhutan Himalayas and the Garo Hills of Meghalaya. The plains are alluvial, very fertile, were heavily forested and were the abode of the Bodos, a Mongoloid tribal people, with names like Basumatary, Narzary,

Mahilary etc, and worshipping deities within the Hindu pantheon.

In 1937, after the first election held under British oversight, Assam got its first Chief Minister (then called 'Premier'), Sir Syed Mohammed Sadullah, who decided to 'Grow more' by importing Bengali Muslim cultivators, mostly from the district of Mymensingh in East Bengal, just to the south-east of the present international border near Dhuburi. He pursued an active policy of settling them on unoccupied lands, especially the fertile char lands along the Brahmaputra, deforesting them and cultivating them. The Bodos did not seriously mind, because there was enough land and to spare. Only the British understood what was going on (not that they disapproved) and dubbed Sadullah's 'grow more' as more of a 'grow more Mohammedans'. But they did not go public on this and let things take their own course.

The influx meanwhile took the form of a steady stream and

gradually began to change the demographic composition of the place. It also continued after Independence. The immigrants acted with great political sagacity and in every census returned their mother tongue as 'Assamese' though most could not speak a word of Assamese, using only the Mymensingh dialect of Bengali (so much so that these Muslims are still referred to as 'Mymensinghias', as opposed to ethnic Assamese Muslims called Goriyas, with whom the Assamese do not have any issue). As a result, the Assam Congress, the major political party in the State also did not mind. Not only were the immigrants a solid vote bank for the Congress; at the time there was tension between Assamese speakers (inhabiting the Brahmaputra valley) and Bengali speakers (inhabiting the Barak valley) in the state, and the linguistic status returned by the immigrants helped the Assamese who were the majority in the Congress.

By the 1970s the Muslim

population in the state had swollen to such proportions as to render several districts Muslim-majority. Now the Assamese people sat up and took notice. The All-Assam Students' Union, and later the Assam Gana Parishad, started the 'anti-foreigners movement' which culminated in the horrendous massacres of Gohpur and Nellie. Rajiv Gandhi's government tried to manage it by enacting an extraordinary piece of legislation: the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act - IMDT law – until it was struck down by the Supreme Court in 2005.

In effect, the IMDT law formalised an Assam exception to India's citizenship laws and gave legitimacy to the questionable citizenship practices prevalent in Assam. By the end of 2006 the Indian

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One of them with a Pakistani passport even contested the State Assembly elections in 1996. Going further than any judicial opinion so far, the court said, 'large number of Bangladeshis' in the state now play 'a major role in electing the representatives both to the Legislative Assembly and Parliament and consequently, in the decision-making process

Mikirs, Dimasas, etc. – have realised that if the East Bengali immigrant Muslims continues to grow in political stature then one day they will demand an Anschluss with Bangladesh, and the result would be unmitigated disaster. They will therefore rebel – as they have rebelled in Kokrajhar.

As to the solution, things do not look hopeful primarily because of the reason that we Indians prefer to be politically correct and pretend everything is bhai-bhai. Behind this, of course, there is the solid realpolitik of vote banks, but there is also our innate reluctance to accept the truth and go for the solution.

Unless the disease is diagnosed and accepted as such, no question of any cure can arise. The disease is what the Gauhati High Court had, without regard to political niceties, pointed out. And the cure lies in deportation, or at least disenfranchisement, of the immigrants. How this will be done is the next question. But let's not jump the gun – let's accept the solution first. *Courtesy: The Pioneer* ■

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towards building the nation.' Not mincing words, the court described their political influence as that of 'kingmakers'.

That is where things stand now. And with things thus, riots of the type that the country has seen in Kokrajhar will be endemic. The indigenous inhabitants of Assam – an enormous pot-pourri of ethnic groups that are as varied as those in the whole of India, comprising Assamese caste Hindus, Ahoms,

For 35 cr poor independence & democracy have no meaning

By Amba Charan Vashishth

On August 15, 2012 India's democracy turns 65 years old; some may like it to call it young.

As the clock struck 12 at the dead of night intervening August 14 and 15, India's first prime minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in his historically famous "Tryst with Destiny" speech declared: "...the past is over and it is the future that beckons to us now". It was then thought to be last night of misery, hunger, poverty and slavery. The dawn would usher in a new ray of prosperity and happiness. Without naming the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru reminded the "ambition of the greatest man of our generation....to wipe every tear from every eye".

Everybody, including the top leadership of Congress at that time appears to have thought that the remedy for all the miseries facing the nation would wither away the moment the British Union Jack was lowered at the Red Fort and the invaders left the country free. The actual challenge lay on gaining freedom which, though, may have been gained through peaceful satyagraha but it cost the country very high in the form of loss of innocent lives, property and migration of more than one crore of people. Not war of independence but freedom and partition caused more than 10 lakh deaths. It no less a price

India paid for freedom.

At that time it appeared India would usher in a democracy that was truly "a government of the people, by the people, for the people" in letter and spirit. That still remains a distant dream even after 65 years. Much needs

of independence. In other words, the "ambition" of Mahatma Gandhi and promise of Pandit Nehru "to wipe every tear from every eye" still remains a distant dream.

It goes to the credit of Congress-led UPA-II that despite



to be done to effect electoral reforms to make the elections truly represent the will of the people.

CURSE OF POVERTY

There is no denying the fact that since independence India has recorded tremendous progress in almost every field. Yet it has failed to eradicate the curse of hunger and want from a vast multitude of the people. Population of India's poor today is much more than the population she had at the time

having constituted a number of committees consisting of top economists it still remains clueless as to the exact number of poor in the country.

According to a latest survey by the government's National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) for 2011-12, ten percent of the rural population is actually suffering the pangs of hunger as it cannot afford to lead a life without hunger and want with a spending of just ₹ 503.49 per month (about ₹17 per day).

Nearly ten percent of the urban population is spending ₹23.40 per day, meaning just ₹702.26 per month.

On the other hand, Planning Commission has announced that people who were able to spend more than ₹28.65 per head in urban areas and ₹22.42 per day in rural areas in 2009-11 will not fall under poverty line. In reality the spending capacity of people both in rural and urban areas is less than that.

According to Santhanam Committee report, 41.6% of the population lives below the poverty line. The Planning Commission, on the other hand, in March 2012 released the latest poverty estimates showing a decline in the incidence of poverty by 7.3 percent over the past five years. This stands in contrast to the Planning Commission's affidavit in the Supreme Court in October 2011 in which BPL cap was pegged at an expenditure of ₹32 and ₹26 by an individual in the urban and rural areas, respectively, at the going rate of inflation in 2010-11.

There are more poor people in eight states of India than in the 26 countries of sub-Saharan Africa, a study by researchers at Oxford University has revealed. More than 410 million people live in poverty in the Indian states, including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The "intensity" of the poverty in parts of India is equal to, if not worse than, that in Africa, says the study.

As a result of the faulty economic policies of the government the rich are getting richer and the poor poorer. The gulf between the prosperity and



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Therefore, what does independence and democracy mean to about 35 crore people who do not have the money and the means to have two meals a day?

Unemployment

The curse of unemployment continues to pinch our youth at the rate of 10.4 percent. The impending threat of slowdown in the international economy is likely to have its impact on India too and is likely to further worsen the situation.

Terrorism

It was a great solace that in

2010 India experienced a lesser number of deaths due to terrorist attacks, according to a US report, yet the "loss of nearly 1,900 lives (civilian, security forces, and terrorists) still made India one of the world's most terrorism-afflicted countries". An earlier report had said that India was the worst affected nation by terrorism "next only to Iraq".

On the other hand, the conviction rate of persons accused of terror crimes is hopelessly poor as compared to other countries like USA and UK where process of investigation and trial in courts is much faster. Bangladeshi infiltration

According to a report, about 30,000 Bangladeshi illegal migrants, mostly Muslims, infiltrate into India every month. According to another report, *Bangladesh's* per capita income is \$848 and *India's* almost double at \$1527 is the motivation for *Bangladeshis* illegally entering the region every day. *Should the Indians be made to pay through their nose for the misery in the neighbouring countries?*

The government despite its tall claims has miserably failed to prevent illegal exodus of Bangladeshis in India.

The recent riots in Assam are the direct outcome of this failure. Despite the Supreme Court having struck down as unconstitutional the IMDT (Illegal Migration - Determination by Tribunals) Act and later having come down heavily on UPA government's efforts to introduce IMDT Act through backdoor the government is still sitting over the matter for the last about six years, only motivated by electoral considerations because it is on

the support of the votes of illegal Bangladeshis that this government survives in Assam. While the foreign media has openly spoken about the reasons for the Assam riots, it is our 'liberal and secular' media which has failed to let the truth percolate to the people of India. Kashmir

Kashmir is a problem left behind by the legacy of wrong policies of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the successive Congress governments at the Centre. Because of uncontrolled acts of terrorism and cross-border terrorism in the State the country has lost more people than it did while fighting four wars (including Kargil) with Pakistan and one with China in 1962.

In the last 21 years of terrorism in J&K, 43,460 people have been killed in the Kashmir insurgency. Of these, 21,323 are militants, 13,226 civilians killed by militants, 3,642 civilians killed by security forces, and 5,369 policemen killed by militants. The 21,323 militants killed in operations by security forces include both Kashmiri and foreign militants. And of the 5,369 members of the security forces, around 1,500 are Kashmiri policemen.

India did not lose that much of its innocent men and women fighting the British invaders as we did because of terrorism.

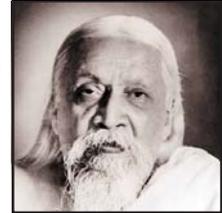
Crime

Crime in independent India is rising at a fast pace. Incidents of murder, rape, dacoity, extortion, cyber crimes, etc. remain uncontrolled. Delhi has earned the dubious distinction of being the 'crime and rape capital of India'. Crime against women and senior citizens is

On Maharishi Aurobindo's birth anniversary on August 15 *Kamal Sandesh* recalls his prophetic words:

21 August 1893

"I say, of the Congress, then, this — that its aims are mistaken, that the spirit in which it proceeds towards their accomplishment is not a spirit of sincerity and whole-heartedness, and that the methods it has chosen are not the right methods, and the leaders in whom it trusts, not the right sort of men to be leaders; — in brief, that we are at present the blind led, if not by the blind, at any rate by the one-eyed."



rocketing high. As a result the common man does not feel safe about his life and property.

Corruption

Corruption has surpassed all norms and records. The present Congress-led UPA-II has proved to be the most corrupt government the country had since independence. The 2G spectrum, Commonwealth Games, Devas, Adarsh housing and the 2-lakh crore mining scams seem just a tip of the iceberg. About 15 Union ministers of Manmohan government are accused of corruption. Besides union ministers A. Raja, Dayanidhi Maran, Virbhadra Singh, many Congress chief ministers had to quit following corruption scandals. Two Congress ministers, one in Rajasthan and one in Haryana had to resign following their involvement in sex scandals.

The Congress claim to "fight corruption head-on" is shamelessly resulting in promoting corruption and protecting the corrupt. If this government has taken any action, it is only against those who have had the guts to raise their voice against corruption and black money.

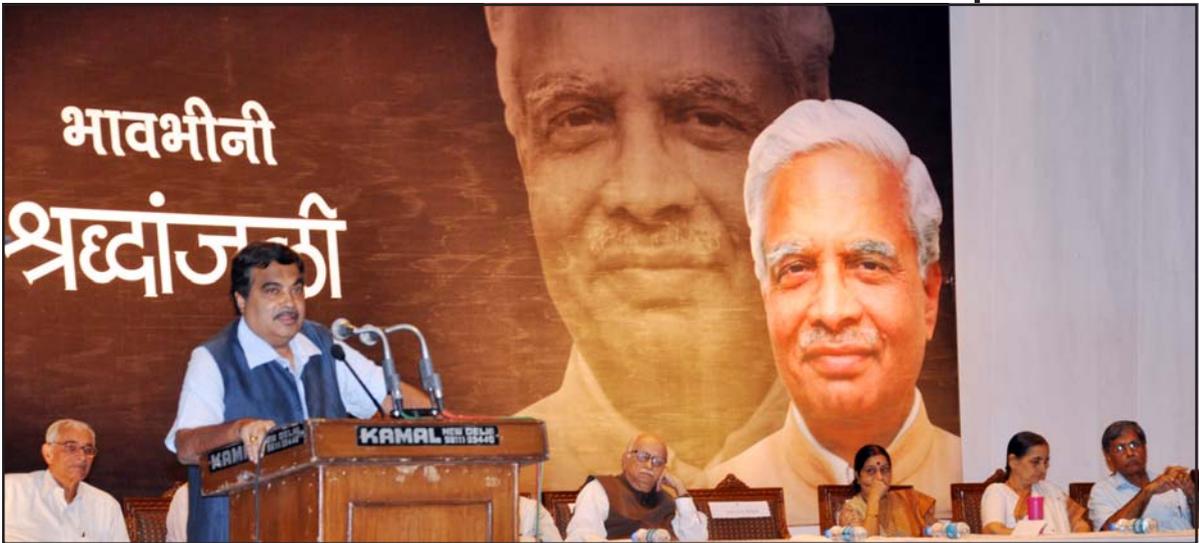
Black money

The present UPA government has been found wanting, for some dubious reasons, in taking action against those who have stashed Indian money in foreign Swiss banks. According to reports, Indians money in Swiss banks may have risen for the first time in five years, putting India at the 55th place globally for such funds.

The total overseas funds in Switzerland's banking system stood at 1.53 trillion Swiss francs (about ₹ 90 trillion) at the end of 2011, which included 2.18 billion Swiss francs (₹12,700 crore) belonging to Indian individuals and entities.

India has certainly taken tremendous strides in the field of industry, technological development, IT, space development et al that have made the country proud. She is marching fast to emerge as a great super power in the world. But all these advancements get eclipsed by the reality of poverty, rising prices, inflation, failure to curb crime and terrorism when more than 35 crore people go to bed hungry, shelterless. ■

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BJP leaders pay homage to Bal Apte

From Our Correspondent

The Bharatiya Janata Party paid homage to its leader late Balavant Apte popularly known as Bal Apte, who died recently.

On August 31st, a Smriti Sabha was organized at Mavalankar Hall in Delhi. BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri LK Advani, BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, Leaders of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Shri Sushma Swaraj and Arun Jaitley, RSS Sah Sarkaryvah Shri Suresh Soni, Deputy leader of in Rajya Sabha Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, BJP National General Secretaries Shri J.P Nadda, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Delhi BJP President Shri Vijender Gupta, Bihar Health Minister Shri Ashwini Chaube, Rajya Sabha Member Shri Chandan Mitra, former MP Shri Sanjay Paswan, ABVP former National President Shri Rajkumar Bhatia, ABVP former National

General secretary Mahesh Sharma, and ABVP Secretary(Organisation) Shri Sunil Bansal along with other leaders attended the Sabha.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Advani termed Apte as 'Capital Man' and said it was Bal Apte, who created the atmosphere of creativity and a strong allegiance to organizational ideology, putting up the ideals of Swami Vivekananda. Describing Apte as a friend, philosopher and guide, Shri Gadkari said his death is a personal loss to him. "His contribution to the organization cannot be ignored and with his demise, we have lost a precious national leader," the BJP President said.

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Sah Sarkaryvah Shri Suresh Soni said Apte Ji did not believe in word but in action. He happily accepted her daughter inter-cast marriage.

While paying reverence to

Apte, Smt. Swaraj said one of his characteristics was his truthfulness. "He was transparent and he was a visionary, having divine strength to foresee or to look into the future. He was an efficient organiser. A man having several qualities, he was an intellectual with clarity of thought," she said.

In his address, Shri Jaitley praised Bal Apte for his straightforwardness. "As a parliamentarian, he raised several issues particularly related to the education. He lived a simple life and he was also a great inspiration," Shri Jaitley said. A prominent lawyer and former additional advocate general of Maharashtra, Apte was elected twice to the Rajya Sabha, in 2000 and 2006. He also served as the BJP vice president in 2002-10 and held various posts in the party and Parliament. He was jailed during Indira Gandhi's 1975-77 Emergency period. ■

We will bring the sacred flow of *Saptajahanavi*

By Deendayal Upadhyay

The propounder of the philosophy of Integral Humanism Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay was one of the makers of Bharatiya Janasangh. He played an important role in consolidating Jansangh since the time of its formation. Deendayalji who adorned the post of President of Bharatiya Jansangh



in 1967 gave a historical presidential speech on 28-30 December in the national conference held in Kalikat, Kerala. This speech is considered to be a milestone in the Indian politics as serious thoughts were expressed on the issue of defection, relation between Centre and States, economic independence, issue of language and Maoist problem. We are publishing the main parts of the

speech:
Parliamentary
Democracy on test

Some people are advising to adopt presidential form of democracy in place of parliamentary democracy in the wake of tense situation in united ministries and the political instability that has resulted due

to efforts to pull down these ministries. Shri Ashok Mehta suggests that this should be implemented only in the States. Why to discriminate between States and Centre? In reality these

systems have evolved in the US and Britain along with their history. We should develop our democratic system as per our own nature in place of imitating them. In the last fifty years we have been practicing parliamentary democracy in one form or the other. We should reformulate it in accordance with the changing political scenario. In place of two-party political system of British parliament if we adopt

new system of multi-party politics then the transitional instability can be avoided. For instance a system can be developed that no ministry would tender resignation as long as no-confidence motion against it is passed in the legislative assembly. The convention may be established that if majority of the members of the legislative assembly seek from the speaker the reconvening of the house then the sitting of the legislative assembly may be convened.

Defection

In the context of the making and breaking of ministries the issue of MLAs changing parties has also become an issue of grave concern. Defection is not a new phenomenon. Leaving Congress before the elections and then joining it has been taking place. Many new parties formed and collapsed due to this coming-going of the Congressmen. Those who never left the Congress also kept switching over their allegiances between different factions within the Congress. As a result even if the name of the Congress remains intact there has been an air of uncertainty about the future of ministries as they have fell several times. After getting *Swarajya*, lack of ideals and definite policies before the Congress and its people have led to such a situation. Among the 99% of those who have changed parties are those who left

Congress to join other parties and then left the parties which they had joined. If formation of parties is based on definite policies and principles, their organization will start getting strengthened and the people will be educated to use their vote after considering the programmes of the parties and the inclination towards defection will be discouraged.

Even taking help of law has been sought on this issue. It would be better if the conduct of the representatives of the people who have been bestowed with the right to frame laws is kept on the right track through people's vote and established convention rather than by force of the law. Every MLA is also responsible to his constituency and the country apart from his party. All these responsibilities cannot be taken care of in a balanced manner within a fixed legal framework. In place of the British system of electing individuals, the system to vote for the party should be brought in so that country is saved not only from party hopping but from many other evils. We can also make a balance between both the systems like West Germany.

Relation between Centre and State

The question of mutual relation between the Centre and the States has also become politically important owing to Congress rule in the Centre and non-Congress rule in many States. The constitution is federal in form but majority of its provisions and institutions are unitary. The political structure, planning and financial situation in the last twenty years have made the Centre more powerful.

As Congress had huge mandate and ruled at all the levels the power of the Centre was never challenged nor was any opportunity of its misuse found. Congress high command also used its power to maintain this kind of relationships. But now situation has changed. In the States non-Congress parties are participating in power. They want to serve the people in their own ways. They should get full opportunity and resources for it.

autonomy so that the unity of the country is not harmed from these tensions.

Economic independence required

Lack of resources is always talked about. I don't believe that there is resource crunch in the country. We have adequate human, natural and financial resources. The need is to plan according to the present needs and available developmental resources.

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If the rulers at the Centre in place of proving to be large hearted and impartial and responsible rulers as expected of sovereign powers reposed in them, work to serve their partisans interest in the name of authorities accorded to them by constitution then it would prove fatal. The nationalists would feel aggrieved by their failure but those who are propounders of separatism and disintegration would challenge the Centre by taking advantage of this situation. In West Bengal and Kerala the communists have been acting in this manner. It is necessary that on the one side we should make the constitution unitary in form and on the other make arrangements for decentralization of financial resources and other rights so that other states get responsible

Until now the basis of the planning has been foreign resources, machinery, technocrats, capital and now even raw material and market. Planning is made to get what is not there but nothing is thought about what we have and how to protect it and raise new building on its basis. We have made agriculture and *swadeshi* industries vulnerable and welcomed foreign ties on undignified terms against our own interests. Foreign vested interests have become so paramount today that not only the economic programmes of the country but policies related to economic, educational and political fields are also being attempted to be influenced. If we have to save our independence then we will have to become self reliant in economic field. Future

planning should be done on this basis.

Issues should be discussed at national level

Lack of clear vision, planning, efforts and leadership at national level to deal with the economic problem of the country has led every State and section to think only about themselves. "Every man for himself and devil take the hindmost." It means that you think about yourself and let the rest go to hell. Knowingly or unknowingly it is encouraging regionalism. When the chief minister of Kerala Shri Namboodiripad demands the foreign exchange earned by Kerala to purchase foodgrains from outside or give a call for Kerala *bandh* against the Centre then he definitely jolts the unity of the country. The economic interests of the entire country are interlinked. The unemployment and poverty of the country can be removed unitedly.

Language

The use of our own language from both the viewpoints, practical and national self respect, in the country is necessary. This year the Union Education Ministry has taken a welcome step in making Indian languages medium of instruction in higher education. This decision is in accordance with the recommendation of the Education Commission and it has been supported and ratified in the conference of the Vice Chancellors. Even then some pro-English people are opposing it. The problems which they are pointing out belong to that of transitional period and of few individuals. In place of creating havoc about the problems steps

should be taken to resolve them.

In different States after the formation of non-Congress governments the regional languages of those States have come in use at State level. If the work is done with the same determination then in few years all the official work would start getting done in regional languages. I congratulate all the governments that are giving proper place to its language.

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They represent the people in true sense.

There has always been problem due to the policy of using English in place of Hindi at Centre. It is regrettable that Congress rule has in place of taking positive steps has worked towards creating controversies and doubts. Jansangh never supports any such step which deprives anyone not knowing Hindi of any of their rights. Therefore Jansangh has demanded that all exams of Union Public Service Commission should be held in regional languages and there should not be any compulsion about the knowledge of any particular language for

recruitment. In the phase of transition those wanting to use English should be given facilities as such. But it cannot be tolerated that English continues to enjoy hegemony unhindered and there is no provision for the use of Hindi. The Official Language Amendment Act and the resolution which have been passed recently is a step in wrong direction. According to it the language policy which will be implemented in the Centre will also create hindrances in the way of those State governments which want to use regional language in the State. In Madras Tamil will not prosper as long as English rules at the Centre. China-Pakistan ties

Our policy towards both communist China and Pakistan should be like the one which a self respecting nation follows against an aggressive enemy country. It is surprising that we have not yet recognized the government of Formosa. We should contribute actively for the independence of Tibet. Our policy towards Dalai Lama is proving not a facilitator in this direction but a hindrance. It is ridiculous to see our leaders referring to Tashkent Declaration even when Pakistan has dumped it in the dustbin. It appears that after the USSR has changed its policy towards Pakistan we are talking about our friendship to Pakistan to gladden the hearts of Soviet leaders. No other reason can be seen from PM Smt Indira Gandhi message to Pak PM Ayyub Khan congratulating him on the construction of Mangla Dam. If our policy for Pakistan is not based on its conduct but on the instance of Russia or America

then there will never be peace in India.

Both China and Pakistan are jointly preparing for next attack. We cannot remain oblivious of their nexus and plans. In the last days there have been slight improvement in the military preparedness but it is still too inadequate. China has progressed much in the direction of nuclear weapons. Indian government is still maintaining its old inflexibility. We will have

communist China and Pakistan can take advantage. As and when these elements create problem of law and order and become threat to the security of the country, they should be dealt sternly. The people of the country have deep faith in nationalism and democracy and they will not tolerate these elements which act against these beliefs. The power which the Government of India has taken unto itself by enacting Illegal Action Ordinance is

awakening and creating atmosphere of panic and pessimism. We are sorry, we cannot support them. They want to stop the motion of time and derail the destiny of India. We are inspired by the glory of the past but don't consider it to be the highest point of national life, we are realist as far as present is concerned but are not shackled by it, we have golden dreams for future in our eyes but we are not dreamy but we are awakened *karmayogis* who will realize those dreams. We are the worshippers of timeless *sanatan sanskriti* which is eternal, old, unstable, present and continuous future.

Our goal

We have not taken the vow of service to any particular sect or section but have taken the vow to serve the entire nation. All countrymen are our brothers. As long as we are not able to give all our brothers the glory of being the sons of *Bharatmata* we cannot sit quietly. We will make *Bharatmata sujala, sufala* in true sense. She will kill the demons by becoming *Dashpraharan-dharini* Durga, give prosperity by becoming Lakshmi and will remove the darkness of ignorance by enlightening us with knowledge by becoming Saraswati. As long as we are not able to bring the sacred flow of *Saptajahanavi* viz. unanimity, determination, equality, prosperity, knowledge, happiness and peace in the Bharatkhand situated between Indian Ocean and Himalayas, our *Bhagirathi tapa* will not be complete. In this effort all Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh will help us. We have faith in victory, march with determination. ■

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to make these weapons. Without it our security will always be in peril.

Maoist conspiracy

In the context of the China and Pakistan problem we will have to think over the activities of those elements which are working here as per their plan by getting ideological inspiration from them. After the participation of the representatives of Maoist Communists in West Bengal and Kerala governments they have been emboldened and to fulfill their aspirations they have openly misused the power. On the one side they have disrupted law and order by the incidents like Naxalbari and on the other side they have tried to make police and administration defunct.

The country will have to remain alert and will have to be on watch so that these elements are not able to create chaotic situation of which the

improper and uncalled for. It appears that after losing the last elections the Congress government at the Centre wants to equip itself with all the weapons which can help its corrupt rule to survive.

Time of awakening

We will also be aware of those who see the hands of communists behind every movement and try to suppress it. People's movement is natural and necessary in the age of change. In reality they are the medium and symbol of the awakening of society. Yes, it is required that these movements should not be aggressive and violent but they should be able to organize our sense of action and become means towards a conscious revolution. Therefore we will have to march with them and give them the leadership. Those who want to perpetuate status-quo in political, economic and social fields are afraid of this

A game of thrones

By Shobhaa De

Musical chairs was one game I detested as a child and continue to detest even today. I used to wonder why over-wrought mommies would want to encourage toddlers to occupy someone else's just vacated kursi? Where did the thrill lie? What were the special skills on display? Why were kids made to run around a row of chairs to music that stopped and started arbitrarily? Did the game make any sense to those playing it? Worse, did anybody really enjoy it? As I remember this dreadful diversion, the only person getting a kick out of it was the one controlling the music... and causing panic. Those poor innocents, looking bewildered and feeling confused, frequently ended up in tears, or on their butts, as more aggressive children rushed past them to grab a free chair. Often I would witness insensitive parents admonishing their bachhas for not being fast enough, smart enough, agile enough, to grab that free chair, leading to more tears. And yes, it was always the class bully who won the prize.

Political musical chairs are played in a similar fashion. It happened this week. And the game is likely to continue. After Pranabda was given the most prestigious kursi (and a horse carriage ride) in India, without having to run around too much, everybody thought the music had stopped. But they were wrong. Madam had merely pressed the pause button. Pranabda's old kursi couldn't be left empty for long. If anything, given the unholy mess he had created as FM, that was one

chair which needed someone's derriere to warm it quickly.

Before other ambitious contenders could stake their claim, Madam moved swiftly and brought in an old hand (P Chidambaram) to kick-start the sluggish economy and get the much needed money flow going. Some said PC (not Priyanka Chopra, mind you) would occupy this particular hot seat for a short period, while Madam plotted the next move. If he managed to convince skeptics that he was capable of some bold initiatives that would undo the damage inflicted by his predecessor, he'd be promoted and given an even better kursi (keep guessing which one).

Meanwhile, PC's old job was going and Madam brought in another party faithful to warm that chair. Sushil Kumar Shinde's first day as home minister did not get off to a great start, unfortunately, what with his cancelled trip to Pune overlapping with the blasts that rocked it. Not the most auspicious beginning, made worse by his tepid response to the explosions. Terrible timing all around, considering Shinde's just relinquished power portfolio and the monumental blackout that crippled the lives of 60 crore people in north and east India the very next day.

Shinde's quotes on Pune were almost as bad as newly minted power minister Veerapa Moily's on the worst power failure ever, when he assured very angry citizens that he wouldn't 'allow' such a calamity to recur. Right! Through all these natural and manmade disasters, two people remained dumbstruck and

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characteristically quiet — our Prime Minister, and the son of India, Rahul Gandhi. The former is waiting for instructions as to which chair he will be allotted next. And the latter probably believes every chair is rightfully his — all he has to do is choose.

That brings us back to Madam. And the difficult job in front of her. Playing musical chairs at this delicate stage is riddled with risks. Nobody is in the mood to indulge her beyond a point. There are heavyweights like Sharad Pawar who need not one but five chairs, minimum, and are willing to shove others out of the way, if needed. Everybody is eyeing just one kursi — the one occupied by Manmohan Singh. If Madam so decides, she could easily move PC into the top job after testing the waters for a few months. PC would be the apt person to keep that kursi garam garam for Rahul Baba — provided he wants the job in the first place. Given the unmistakable signs of indifference and apathy on our Baba's part (poor guy, let him party in peace in London and Jeddah, if he wants to), Madam will have to accelerate the tempo of the music and remove a few chairs from the long row.

Finally, there will be just two people left in the game. God help us if the bigger bully wins! Well, if that happens, India will have to switch to kho kho and kabbadi. ■

(Courtesy: The Sunday Times)

SC Morcha two-day National Executive, Bikaner

Dr. Ambedkar provided reservation to improve condition of Dalits Congress used Dalits as vote-bank

BJP Scheduled Caste Morcha organized its two-day National Executive meeting on 21-22 July, 2012 in Bikaner (Rajasthan). The two-day National Executive was inaugurated by BJP National General Secretary Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot.

Among other leaders who

condition of dalits/oppressed people but Congress has used them(Dalit) as a vote bank. The congress is not little bit worried about their social-economic development. If really Cogress would have been well-wishers of Dalits it could have given Bharat Ratna to Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar.



attended the meeting were National Coordinator of SC&ST Morcha Shri Bhagawat Saran Mathur, BJP SC Morcha President Shri Dushyant Gautam, Narayan Singh Chaudhary, BJP National Spokesperson Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Rajasthan BJP General Secretary Shri Satish Punia & MP Shri Arjunram Meghawal.

In his presidential address SC Morcha President Shri Dushyant Gautam lambasted the Congress led UPA Government at Center. He said "Corrupt Congress, rising food prices have plagued the whole nation. The father of Indian constitution Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar had provided reservation to improve the

But the Bharat Ratna was given to Babasaheb after 40 years of independence. More than 70% of Dalit populations are illiterate and below poverty line and their children fall prey to malnutrition.

The congress party has not only promoted the hunger, poverty, illiteracy but has also tried to divide the country with the idea of religious based quota.

The two days executive meeting also discussed other national issues at length. BJP National Spokesperson Shri Ram Nath Kovind moved the two resolutions on Jammu & Kashmir and poverty related issues in the meeting which was unanimously passed. (FOC) ■

Four-day Prashikshan Varg was organized by SC Morcha at Parmarth Niketan in Rishikesh on June 15-18. Inaugural session was attended by Morcha Prabhari Shri Bhagwat Saran Mathur, BJP National Spokesperson Shri Ramnath Kovind, BJP National Secretary Shri Ashok Pradhana, SC Morcha National President Dushyant Gautam and other BJP office bearers from different States. While inaugurating the session Swami Chidanand said' BJP is the only party which is guide for the development of the country and it has faith in integrated development.

Gujarat's success in power sector lauded!

- ▶ *Gujarat's success in the power sector universally lauded- amid gloom Gujarat sets an example says one newspaper!*
- ▶ *Wall Street Journal lauds Gujarat's reforms in power sector. Says it's the only state that consumes less than it produces.*
- ▶ *From international and Indian media to netizens, immense praise for Shri Modi's handling of the power sector over the last decade.*
- ▶ *A sector that was previously facing problems was successfully turned around and is now winning awards from the Government of India.*

For two days, starting 30th July 2012 a large part of India including the national capital Delhi plunged into darkness due to a massive power grid failure. On 31st July, it was not only the Northern Grid but also the Eastern Grid that failed leaving more than 60 crore people and 19 States in the dark. Experts have called it India's worst power crisis.

The crisis once again brought to the forefront some elementary lessons that were often repeated but scarcely followed by most States vis-à-vis the power sector.

However, one State that remained totally unaffected from the massive power crisis across more than half of India was Gujarat.

Since the last three days, there has been renewed focus on Gujarat's success in the power sector. From international media houses, the Indian mainstream media to the netizens on Twitter, Gujarat's "brightness" in the time of Delhi and other part's "darkness" became the hot topic of discussion. Yet again, Gujarat established itself as a benchmark of development and transparent

governance.

Dated 1st August 2012, leading international newspaper Wall Street Journal carried a story titled "More Power to India's States" in which it critiqued the lack of reforms in the Indian power sector for the last few years. Wall Street Journal however notes Gujarat's success in the power sector as a major exception. It writes, "But perhaps the greatest display of political gumption and policy creativity comes from Gujarat in the west. Chief Minister Narendra Modi's first victory was curbing the theft of power, one reason for transmission and distribution losses."

WSJ notes that Gujarat's biggest innovative zeal has been to establish a parallel distribution network that has led to stability in supply along with giving farmers competitive prices. It acknowledges Gujarat as, "...the only Indian State that generates more power than it consumes." But WSJ notes that while all States may not be as bold as Gujarat, the real scope for power reforms comes from the States Shri Narendra Modi is

a stark contrast to the Centre and could be an inspiration for other States.

Similar praise for Gujarat's power sector turnaround has come from leading international brokerage firm CLSA. CLSA noted how Gujarat made 100% power in the villages a reality ending a history of power theft and poor management.

The Indian media has been equally forthcoming in praising Gujarat's power successes. The Times of India carried a story with a catchy title, 'Power grid failure: Amid gloom, Gujarat sets an example.' The story notes how it is not only the big cities of Gujarat but also the 18,000 villages of the State that are beneficiaries of uninterrupted electricity. It also notes the success of the *Jyotigram Yojana* in this commendable transformation.

Gujarat's power sector turnaround is the result of a determined effort that began approximately a decade ago. In February this year, leading business magazine Business Today did a comprehensive narrative of what Gujarat did differently that led to this

amazing turnaround. Till a decade ago, Gujarat's power sector was in urgent need of reform. The State electricity board GSEB was incurring heavy losses, interests were rising and transmission losses were frequent.

These were exactly the things Shri Modi altered when he took charge. Beginning with

the power sector.

But, if you thought Gujarat was content with these advances you may want to think again. Despite being a power surplus State, Gujarat is looking at making wide scale advances in renewable sources of energy. Shri Modi began with solar power and is now moving towards wind, thermal and tidal energy.

Centre's mismanagement of the power sector. Expressing his views on Twitter, he said, "Pradhan Mantri ji, 60 cr people & 19 States are in darkness. Country wants to know is there any coalition *dharma* you are following here too?" He added, "With poor economic management UPA has emptied pockets of common man; kept



stomachs hungry with inflation & today pushed them into darkness!"

The power is the lifeline of a nation's growth. Such blackouts do not augur well for an aspiring superpower like India. In such a

restructuring finances, Shri Modi went on to unleash other reforms including renegotiating power purchase agreements and controlling leakages. An act passed in 2003 even enabled better management. The rest of course is history...

Today not only has the power sector witnessed a complete turnaround but also Gujarat's power companies are winning awards at the national level. In March this year, 3 companies of the Gujarat Government were awarded for their outstanding performance in August 16-31, 2012 ○ 26

In April this year he inaugurated Asia's largest solar park at Charanka in Mehsana. Days later he dedicated India's first canal top solar power project to the nation. All these advances have received praise from none other than UPA Cabinet Minister for Renewable Energy Dr. Farooq Abdullah.

Thus, as India plunged into darkness clamour for asking the other States and particularly the Centre to emulate Gujarat's model of power reforms is only increasing. Shri Modi himself came down heavily on the

time, it was heartening to see Gujarat's power sector turnaround being appreciated across various sections of the national and international media, thinkers and netizens.

When Shri Modi assumed office, the request people made to him was to give them as much electricity that they can enjoy their evening meal. Today, the entire Gujarat is covered by brightness, every single day of the year! Now that's what you call **POWER TO THE MASSES!**■

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KERALA

Chief Minister promoting IUML's agenda : BJP



Bharatiya Janata Party State President Shri V. Muraleedharan has said that Kerala Chief Minister Oommen Chandy is under the control of the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML). He was speaking to media persons after inaugurating a *dharna* by BJP workers in front of Vydyuthi Bhavan at Vellayil in protest against the increase in electricity tariff on July 31, 2012.

Shri Muraleedharan wondered if the Chief Minister represented the Muslim League or the Congress in the government, since he seemed to be promoting mainly the agenda of the League. He said the people were keenly awaiting Chief Minister's decision on the move to grant 'aided' status to 35 schools as demanded by the IUML. Both the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee and the Finance Department had opposed it, he said.

Shri Muraleedharan said BJP would step up its ongoing agitation against "the unchecked power that the IUML wielded over the UDF government." He said that the League was using religion as a pretext to promote business interests of some of its leaders. The party had not anything substantial for the poor among Muslims.

He also demanded that the decision on electricity tariff be reviewed since it would be an unbearable financial burden on the common man of the State.

UTTAR PRADESH

BJP blames SP govt's dual policies for communal flare-ups

Criticizing the Akhilesh Yadav government in UP for its communal agenda, the Bharatiya Janata Party State President said that its minority appeasement policy had led to many flare-ups

during the last four months. Interacting with media persons BJP State president Shri Lakshmikanth Bajpai said, "Communal violence have been reported from five places in the last four-month rule of SP government because of the dual policies of this government which is heavily loaded in favour of minorities." He said the communal flare ups were reported from Bareilly, Kosikala, Aonla, Faizabad and Pratapgarh.

Shri Bajpai said the State government has a biased attitude. It promised houses to people who were victims of communal tension in Pratapgarh but it did not promise the same to people who lost their shops and houses in the violence that rocked Kosikala in Mathura district last month.



He said the Chief Minister and senior SP leader Ramgopal Yadav blamed officials for these riots and claimed that there was a conspiracy against the Samajwadi Party government. However, the truth is that the UP government does not have control over its officials and this has led to a serious law and order problem in the State," he said.

He further added that since the formation of the SP government in March, as many as 663 cases of murders, 100 rapes, 592 loots and 371 criminal cases have also been reported from various parts of the State.

JHARKHAND

Government bans Gutkha, Pan Masala throughout State

Setting an example, the BJP led coalition government in Jharkhand decided to clamp a complete ban on production, storage, distribution and sale of *Gutkha* and *Pan-Masala* containing tobacco and nicotine. The decision would be applied throughout Jharkhand from the date of issue of notification, in keeping with what the rest of the country.

Interacting with media persons Chief Minister

Shri Arjun Munda said the ban had been applied keeping in mind worries caused due to usage of the harmful products, especially among teenagers. "Cases of cancer patients have increased at the rate of 8 to 10 per cent since 2006. Out of them, 25 to 30 per cent cases are of mouth cancer, caused primarily due to these. The Cabinet has thus given its nod to ban *Gutkha* and *Pan Masala*."



He said the Government had taken a prompt step to save the younger generation and poor of the society from being exposed to dangerous diseases. "*Gutkha* was causing an adverse effect on teenagers. People become prone to cancer and then come to us for Rs 3 lakh as grant for the treatment. Now, when the ban is applied it is up to the Government machinery to implement it properly," he said adding that role of NGOs in creating awareness among the common man would also be crucial.

CHHATTISGARH

CM declares World Tribal Day an optional holiday



To mark World Tribal Day, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh has declared an optional holiday on 09 August. In order to honour the culture and tradition of tribal, United Nation Organisation has declared 09 August as World Tribal Day. As per information received from sources, in this regard Chief Minister has assured to publish notification in the gazette.

A delegation under the leadership of Shri Satyanand Rathiya, former State Minister recently met the Chief Minister at his residence and made an appeal to him to declare World Tribal Day as an optional holiday.

The delegation expressed gratitude towards Dr. Singh for giving 32 per cent reservation to tribal of Chhattisgarh in Government services.

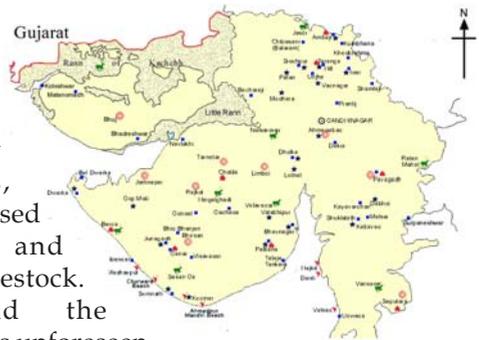
GUJARAT

Government plans to face impending drought on a war-footing: Modi

- *Providing one-lakh new electricity connections for agricultural purposes at a cost of Rs.1,500-crore;*
- *Completing all missing links in Narmada canal-based pipeline projects to supply drinking water in drought-prone areas; and*
- *Growing grass as fodder to meet demand for next three months.*

The Gujarat Government took three major decisions at an high-level meeting, presided over by Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi and discussed the short-term and long-term policies and measures to be taken for drought management.

Shri Modi said the need of the hour is to be sensitive to the affected people and particularly villagers, hard-pressed farmers and dumb livestock. He said the situation is unforeseen after ten years of adequate rainfall, but the administration is capable of tackling the challenges.



It was decided to provide one lakh electricity connections for agricultural purposes in the 'dark zones' on a war footing to save *kharif* crops at an expenditure of Rs.1,500-crore in view of the uncertainty prevailing in the State due to truant monsoon.

The other important decision was to complete all the missing links in the Narmada canal-based and pipeline projects for supplying drinking water in the drought-prone Saurashtra & Kutch and North Gujarat regions.

In another decision, the government asked the administration to grow grass across the State to meet the demand for fodder during the next three months. ■

Govt's plan to privatize water distribution a violation of Right to Life : Swaraj

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Smt. Sushma Swaraj said that Sheila Dixit led Delhi Government's plans to privatize water distribution is an unconstitutional step as it violates the provisions of the Constitution which provides Right to Life. Addressing a huge gathering of Residents' Welfare Association in Delhi, Smt. Swaraj said, "On the one hand, the Supreme Court directs the Centre to distribute food grain rotting in FCI Godowns among the poor freely and on the other hand, Delhi Government decides to privatize water to add to the woes of people." She said the move, coming close on the heels of hike in power rates, adds salt to injuries. The move to privatize water is not in the interest of people but a means to indulge in corrupt practices. It is an injustice to the people of Delhi as it aims to privatize a natural resource, she charged. The summit was organized by Delhi BJP in which Delhi BJP State President Shri Vijender Gupta and BJP National General Secretary Shri Vijay Goel along with several representatives of Residents' Welfare Association (RWAs) were also present. To launch a State-wide protest against hike in power tariff and privatization of water in the Capital, Delhi BJP has joined hands with Residents Welfare Associations (RWAs). The party claimed more than 3,000 RWAs and traders organizations of Delhi have pledged to support the agitation. Speaking on the occasion Shri Vijender Gupta said, "The Government, power companies and DERC crossed all the limits of atrocities, the BJP stood by the people to protect their interests. This fight is decisive. The party has resolved that it will not allow the anti-people, corrupt and despotic Government of Delhi to continue, which is in power for the past 14 years. Soon electricity will be beyond the reach of common man as the tariff is constantly rising".

Shri Goel said that day is not far when water in Delhi will be sold at 50 rupees a liter. He said that Congress government has privatized water in three localities where as the CM had denied the privatization of water will ever be done. If water, electricity and other utilities are privatized then the Government should also be privatized. (FOC) ■

OFBJP-USA condemns the gruesome attack on Sikh Gurudwara in USA

The Overseas Friends of BJP (OFBJP) – USA severely condemned the gruesome attack on the Sikh Gurudwara in Oak tree, Wisconsin on 05 July in which 6 innocent persons were killed and many were injured. In a press release the OFBJP-USA said since 9-11, several incidents occurred in which the Sikhs were targeted across USA. During past one year itself, two Sikh men in Sacramento were brutally murdered, a Gurudwara in Michigan was vandalized, a Sikh man was severely bashed in New York, and now this dastardly act was committed. The initial reports indicate that it seems to be hate-crime and must be stopped. USA is committed for freedom and liberty: freedom of expression and liberty to practice religion of choice. The OFBJP – USA demanded that the Obama administration should take some concrete steps to curb this kind of domestic terrorism against Sikhs who were mistaken for Afghani or Talibani Muslims because of their appearance and dress

code. It said the Indian Sikh community in USA has been enterprising, hard-working, and peaceful, and contributed a lot to enrich the values of this country. OFBJP also demanded that the Federal government should curb this recurring menace in USA. This is a shame that in the most developed, educated and prosperous nation in the world such gruesome incidents occurring at regular intervals.

On behalf of the OFBJP, President Shri Jayesh Patel extended full cooperation and support

to the Sikh community in Oak Tree, Wisconsin. President Elect Shri Chandrakant Patel and Organizing Secretary Shri RP Singh pledge that the OFBJP will work with the Sikh brethren in USA to educate the public on Sikh religion. Former Presidents Dr. Dinesh Agrawal, Shri Suresh Jani and Dr. Adapa Prasad appealed to the law enforcement authorities to take all necessary measures in providing safety to all places of worship including Hindu, Jain, and Sikh temples in USA. (FOC) ■

Your Body is God's Palace

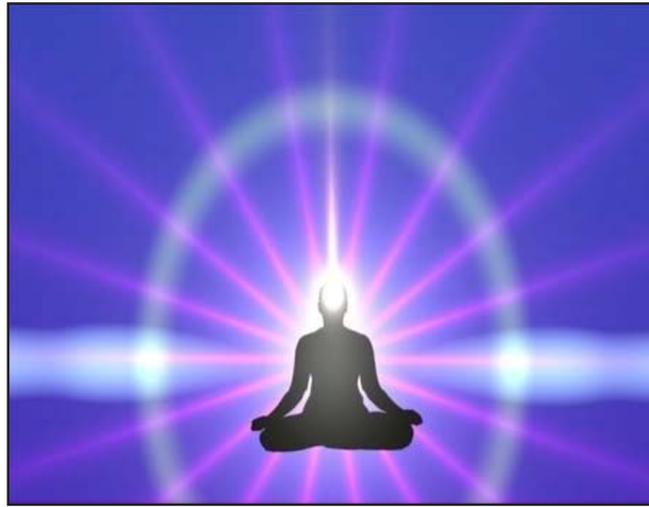
Creation has many aspects and among the various beautiful creations of God, the human body stands out prominently as His most wonderful creation. Swami Sivananda calls the body a mysterious moving palace within which God dwells. Buddhi or intellect is His prime minister; mind is the commander; the 10 *indriyas* or senses are soldiers; the eyes are the windows of the palace; and the *devatas* who preside over the *indriyas* – eyes, nose, ears, for example – are the gatekeepers.

The human body is therefore without doubt a work of art. Observing the artistic manner in which all the muscles are attached to the bones by tendons, joints balanced with the help of ligaments, fat deposited in a manner that imparts good shape to the limbs, trunk and abdomen; the skin pigment that makes the body look attractive – looking at all of these, one cannot help marvelling at God's creative output.

God makes use of the five elements of nature while creating the body: bone is nothing but earth or clay; blood is water; the radiance of skin and eyes is fire; and the *prana* or breath that moves through the nostrils and lungs is nothing but air which derives its support from ether. The four elements – air, fire, water

and earth have all emanated from ether.

Swami Sivananda says that after demise of the body, all the elements get dissolved. What happens is that the bones merge with the earth and by doing so they go back to their source. When the body is placed on the



funeral pyre, *mantras* are chanted with the purpose of invoking the blessings of the Lord so as to ensure that the body gets dissolved with its five material components of earth, water, fire, air and ether from where it originally emanated. The body is then offered to the fire.

It is rather ironical that despite the Lord dwelling right within the innermost chambers of one's heart, people remain unaware of His presence throughout their lives. Under the influence of *maya* or illusion, the power that deludes, people tend to cling to the perishable body even though it is filled with impurities like urine, faecal

matter, pus and so on and they get trapped in the vicious circle of the unending process of transmigration.

Coaxing aspirants to become aware of the transitory nature of life, Swami Sivananda urges them to wake up from their slumber. Use the present time and devote the precious moments of your lives to the practice of meditation in order that the Eternal Lord – who provides support to all the *pranas*, mind, intellect, senses and the body – could be realised. He says that when the body is free from disease and decrepitude, when old age is still far off, when the powers of the senses are not

affected and life is not decaying, the person of discrimination ought to constantly endeavour to attain Self-realisation through meditation. It is useless to dig a well when the house is on fire.

We may conclude with the following words of Swamiji: "O friends, wake up, sleep no more. Meditate. Open the gate of the temple of the Lord in your heart with the key of love. Hear the music of the soul. Melt your mind in His contemplation. Unite with Him. Immerse yourself in the ocean of Love and Bliss".

Swami Sivananda entered mahasamadhi on July 14, 1963.

(Courtesy: Tol) ■