

RAHUL GANDHI PROMISES ? ONE CRORE FOR EACH KARNATAKA VILLAGE PANCHAYAT

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Jevargi / Ballari (Karnataka): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday promised allocation of ? one crore for each village panchayat, and ? 5,000 crore for the Kalyana Karnataka region if his party is voted to power in the May 10 State Assembly polls.

The former Congress chief also promised to set up an apparel park in Ballari with an investment of ? 5,000 crore.

Amid rains, he addressed an election rally at Jevargi in Kalaburagi district, where he promised to fill 50,000 government job vacancies. "We will allocate ? 5,000 crore for this region. Each village panchayat will get ? one crore," a drenched Mr Gandhi said.

The Kalyana Karnataka region comprises the districts of Bidar, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal, Kalaburagi, Ballari and Vijayanagara.

At Ballari, it was his promise to set up an apparel park and not that of the Congress, he said, adding that he would ensure that the district



became the number one 'jeans hub' in the world.

"This is my promise to make Ballari a 'jeans capital'. I want to see the day when whoever wears jeans will have 'Made in Ballari' written on it," Mr Gandhi said.

Criticising the ruling party, he said Ballari was at the centre of the '40 per cent theft' and the "amount of theft BJP did in Ballari, no one else would have ever done here".

"This theft caused

enormous loss to the people of Ballari. Now the major change will happen here. Not just in elections but in your life," Mr Gandhi added.

He also made a 'prophecy' that the ruling BJP would get only 40

seats "since it loves this number".

Mr Gandhi alleged that BJP ministers in Karnataka collected 40 per cent commission for public works from contractors and, hence, the party would not get more than 40 seats, while the Congress would win 150 seats and form the next government.

Calling the incumbent BJP government "a government by theft", he said the ruling party had purchased MLAs from opposition ranks. "We are going to form the government. No one can stop our party from coming to power," Mr Gandhi said.

He also reiterated the four key "guarantees" of the Congress: ? 2,000 to woman head of families, 200 units of free power to every household, ? 3,000 to unemployed graduates and ? 1,500 to unemployed diploma holders (both in the age group of 18 to 25 years) for two years, and 10 kg rice to every member of a BPL family a month.

Apart from this, Mr Gandhi also announced the party's fifth "guarantee" on Thursday: free bus ride for women in public transport buses.



MANDAL 2.0, AND WHY OPPOSITION MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RIDE IT LIKE LAST TIME



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"Jitni abaadi, utna haq" — these were striking words, coming as they did from Rahul Gandhi. Campaigning in poll-bound Karnataka, the Congress leader was making a case for reservations in proportion to population. More specifically, he

raised the cry for a caste census in India — a call which is gathering momentum — and also called for raising the Court—fixed ceiling for reservations from 50% to 75%. The wheel has come full circle. Rahul's great—grandfather Jawaharlal Nehru opposed a caste census in 1951; his grandmother Indira Gandhi put the

report of the Mandal Commission — ordered by the Janata Party government that came to power in 1977, but submitted in 1980, when she was back as Prime Minister — on the backburner.

When V P Singh became PM and pulled it out of a forgotten almira in 1990 to save his beleaguered government, Rajiv

Gandhi tore into the decision on the floor of Parliament. The Mandal Commission recommended 27% reservation in jobs for other backward classes (OBCs, as they are known) as the way to achieve social justice.

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in karnatka Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in "only knows how to serve lies to people", stating that the saffron party has been making "tall claims with no authenticity" over its promise of creating one lakh jobs.

Recently, they boasted about an iPhone manufacturing unit coming up in Bengaluru with the potential of creating 1 lakh jobs, which has been proven false



already. Karnataka won't trust BJP again."

in a big boost to India's Atmanirbhar Bharat ambitions, Hon Hai Technology Group (Foxconn) has announced a major investment in Karnataka that will generate over one lakh jobs, according to an official statement .

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The promise was to give two crore jobs every year. Six crore jobs were to be given in eight years. Now they are saying that by 2024, only 10 lakh jobs will be given. 60 lakh posts are lying

vacant only in government jobs. Thirty—lakh posts are lying vacant in the central government. Jumlebaz (mockery) for how long?"

congress fight In karnatka to save democracy,

this is not an ordinary assembly election, but a fight to save the democracy and change the fate of karnatka .Ever since the BJP government came, inflation and unemployment have increased."If the congress government is formed, the youth will be given jobs by filling the vacant posts," he promised.



Cong targets BJP demands expulsion of Basangouda Yatnal for calling Sonia Gandhi kvishkanyal

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The Congress on Friday hit at the BJP demanding expulsion of its leader Basangouda Patil Yatnal for calling Sonia Gandhi a "vishkanya".

Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala said the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Karnataka and its leaders have lost their mental as well as political balance, asserting that Yatnalls remarks are the "worst kind" of sacrilege and abuse against Gandhi at the "instance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai".

"Facing a complete rout in the assembly elections, the BJP leadership is frustrated to the core and is hurling filth and muck, which is the product of their ugly character and dirty mindset of denigrating and insulting the Congress leadership. They have lost all sense of propriety, political balance and even a remote iota of decency and decorum," he said in a statement.

"Instructed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and supported by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, BJP leader and Modi Ji's personal favourite Basangouda Patil Yatnal has stooped to the lowest by calling UPA chairperson and former Congress president Sonia Gandhi as "Visha Kanye" and "Agent of China and Pakistan," Surjewala said.

The "vishkanya" remark against Gandhi by Yatnal, who is the Bijapur MLA and former minister, at a poll rally comes a day after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge compared Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the a poisonous snake.

Campaigning in Karnataka for the assembly polls is in full swing and the Congress seeks to wrest power from the BJP in the state. Karnataka is the only southern state where the BJP is in power. Prime minister Narendra Modi is set to begin his campaign in Karnataka on Saturday with a series of public meetings.

Top Congress leaders Kharge, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra are

already campaigning in the coastal poll bound state.

Referring to Yatnalls remarks, Surjewala said they are the "worst kind" of sacrilege and abuse being hurled upon Gandhi and the Congress leadership at the "instance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai".

"The BJP leadership and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have made a profession of abusing the Nehru Gandhi Family. PM Modi himself has, in the past, called Sonia Gandhi as "Congress Ki Vidhwa" and even used filthy language like calling her "Jersey Cow"," the AICC general secretary in-charge for Karnataka said.

Such language hurled at Sonia Gandhi, who is the wife of a former prime minister who was martyred for the country, reflects the "absolutely debased and undignified character" of the BJP and its leadership, Surjewala alleged.

The Congress leader claimed that the sad part is that all of this has the "tacit approval of Prime Minister Narendra Modi,

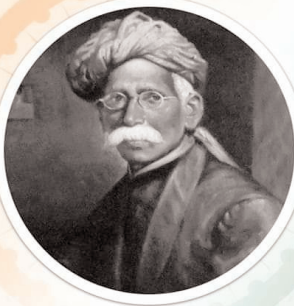
Amit Shah, J P Nadda and Basavaraj Bommai".

"If Prime Minister has even an iota of decency or dignity, he should immediately expel Basangouda Patil Yatnal from the Bharatiya Janata Party.

"Otherwise, it will be proved that the debased, ugly and deranged remarks being made by Yatnal against Sonia Gandhi are at the instance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai," he said.


"We also demand that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai should tender an unconditional public apology to Sonia Gandhi as also to the Congress leadership," the Congress leader said.

Congress General Secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal tweeted, "Every election, they hurl new abuses to insult Smt. Sonia Gandhi ji, who has led her entire life with utmost dignity and grace. BJP continues to stoop to new lows, with their filthy language against our leaders. Modi ji, do you endorse these words? Yadha raja thada Praja.



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Congress President Shri Mallikarjun Kharge highlights how Rahul Gandhi ji was disqualified from Parliament and forced to vacate his house with lightning speed. Meanwhile, the BJP MP from Gujarat, Naranbhai Bhikhabhai Kachhadia was not disqualified despite being sentenced to a 3—year jail term. These double standards of the BJP won't go unnoticed!



Come rain or shine, the Congress Party will always stand up for the people and raise their voice. Shri Rahul Gandhi connected with the people of Karnataka in Jevargi, Kalaburagi in a public meeting today.

