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- Congress exposed publicity stunt of Chief Minister through his own press statements.
- No action has been taken on announcements made by CM in Bhavnagar on May 1, 2005 and in other programmes in Bhavnagar.
- CM's Sadbhavna is a mission with evil intentions and wasteful expenditure of millions of public money.
- Congress will present woes of people of Bhavnagar at Jashodanagar chowk.
- As per norms of MCI, Sir T Hospital of Bhavnagar should have nursing staff of 900, but there are only 291.
- There are no super specialist doctors in Sir T Hospital.
- The hospital does not have angiography facility.
- Facilities which were free in government hospitals cost a lot now.
- Farmers do not get connections without meters.
- CM is squandering government money.
- Gujarat has incurred debt of Rs. 1,37,000 crore in the last ten years.
- In the past ten years, 5900 ST routes have been closed down.
- There were 8573 ST buses in 2000. The number has come down to 6514.
- Strength of government staff was 2,15,000 in 1995 which has come down to 1,74,000 despite increase in population.
- Semi government staff has decreased by 80,000.
- Government record has 8,25,488 educated unemployed.
- CM has given away to his favourite businessmen reserved land at throw away price.
- In the last ten years, there is fall of 3756 lakh units in electricity to farmers.
- Congress will offer cold drinks to agitating disabled in Bhavnagar on Saturday.

On the eve of Sadbhavna mission by Chief Minister in Bhavnagar, leader of Opposition Shaktisinh Gohil blasted Modi for his insincere and fraudulent announcements and promises to people of Bhavnagar. He exposed the Chief Minister by releasing to media number of statements made by CM in Bhavnagar which have remained on paper only.

Gohil said that Congress would appeal to Modi to be honest to people and public money and act on his announcements instead of squandering millions of public money on publicity gimmicks. He reminded CM of the announcements he had made on May 1, 2005 in Bhavnagar and said that even after five and half years they were on paper only.

CM had promised to connect Bhavnagar and Alang with gas grid, but nothing has been done so far, he said. Making tall claims about developing alternative fuel CM had claimed that people would use biofuel instead of gulf oil. But there is no headway in this. CM had promised world class structure of GIDCs. A look at GIDCs of Bhavnagar, Chitra or Vartej, exposes CM's claims.

Gohil requested CM to find out position of power supply to farmers of Bhavnagar to know the reality of his promise in Bhavnagar that he would provide uninterrupted power supply to farmers round the clock.

Talking about the GIS system, CM had in 2005 promised people of Bhavnagar a fool proof system to deal with the faults of water, telephone and gas pipelines. Nothing has been done in this regard so far.

In 2005 CM had claimed that to give justice to disabled people, a disabled will be the Commissioner of the Handicapped Welfare Board. Even today, this promise has not been fulfilled. The board is headed by Sanjay Nandan.

Gujarat government has accepted the central sponsored scheme of travelling teachers for disabled. But it is dragging its feet as it has to bear expense after the expiry of central assistance timeframe. Physically challenged are not given job of Vidya sahayak and government is not worried about vacancies in the educational institutions for disabled.

CM has been making big announcements of packages for districts during his Sadbhavna missions. There is nothing new or additional in these packages. These are just a bundle of budgetary schemes of state and central government about that district. Nothing can be more deceitful, Gohil said.

Modi had announced Kalpsar scheme during his visit to Bhavnagar. He had even gone into the sea for formal launch of the project. It will transform entire Saurashtra region, he had claimed. Later, he announced another ambitious Dholera port project in Ahmedabad district. It is a known fact that Kalpsar and Dholera which share common territories of sea cannot co-exist. He has been misleading people of both the districts, Gohil said. It is learnt that there is a move to reduce length of Kalpsar from 640 kms to 340 kms.

Gohil who represents Bhavnagar in the Assembly said that the government was looting resources of Bhavnagar. He cited the case of Sundarwas bungalow which government gave to a builder almost free even before Supreme Court verdict. Congress demands that the bungalow should be returned to Bhavnagar.

Bhavnagar port was very active but it is being made an idle port to benefit Adani. Alcock Ashdown, a profit making venture is being turned into a loss making company to dispose it off to a blue eyed businessman. Uncertainty is being deliberately continued in plotting in Alang Shipyard. Income share of Gujarat Maritime Board is being misused instead of using in the development of Alang Shipyard, he said. Small traders and workers associated with the Shipyard are not given any help.

Landless dalits are not given land while those who have land are harassed on the issue of new condition. Ramnagar Vasahat has been regularized, but without any further progress. During the rule of Shankarsinh Vaghela a GR was done for allotment of land to defense personnel, but they are not given possession.

If CM is really on a goodwill mission, he should personally see lanes of Kumbharwada, lanes of Indiranagar, Chitra, Fulsar, Bottalav, Hadanagar areas, interior roads of Kaliabeed and infrastructural facilities available to common people.

Bhavnagar Ahmedabad narrow road has become accident prone. Despite approval for its widening, the work has not been started. Salinity ingress has increased in the Bhal area of Bhavnagar.

Congress has organized a programme in Jashonath to present problems of people of Bhavnagar and to appeal to Chief Minister to act for betterment of people. It will start at 11 am.

To,
The Editor,

Hon'ble Leader of Opposition has requested to kindly publish this press note in your esteemed newspaper.

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