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Press Note

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- BJP has got only five of the 824 seats in the five states.
- BJP which claimed to have great impact in the elections of five states is completely wiped out.
- BJP candidates defeated wherever Gujarat CM campaigned in elections.
- People rejected vicious campaign of BJP against Congress.

Election results of five states show that people have rejected BJP and its policies as party has managed to get only five of the 824 seats for which elections were held. The results have also exposed hollowness of the star campaigner of BJP, Chief Minister of Gujarat. BJP candidates for whom Gujarat Chief Minister campaigned have been defeated. In his studied reactions to the results of elections in the five states, Leader of Opposition in Gujarat Assembly, Shaktisinh Gohil said that Gujarat Chief Minister who is trying to pose himself as a national leader was shown a place by the electorate. Referring to Modi's tendency of rhetoric, he said that it has even led to the defeat of state BJP president in Assam.

People of these states have also realized double speak of BJP on the issue of corruption. He said that Congress has promptly taken action against its leaders or associates involved in corruption. BJP, on the other hand, talks about campaign against corruption, but always defends its own leaders when they face corruption charges. Whether it be Karnataka Chief Minister or Chief Minister of Gujarat, Gohil said.

People of these states have endorsed the leadership of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi and have welcomed the commitment of Rahul Gandhi for national development.

Except Tamilnadu where people were against the associate party, people have reposed faith in Congress in all states by bringing the Congress and its coalition to power. Assam presents an interesting case study, he said. Gujarat Chief Minister had a vigorous campaign here and BJP had claimed to come in power. The results show that it has got a humiliating defeat with only three seats to show its existence. Similarly, he said that much before elections, Jaylalita who has a sweeping victory in Tamilnadu, had offered support of her party to Congress. It is obvious that Jaylalita has got vote for people's opposition to DMK.

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The Editor,

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

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