

# Sanjay procession attacked

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FURSATGANJ (Amethi Constitu-  
ency), March 10 (Samachar)—  
Seventeen Congress workers were  
admitted to hospital with injuries  
sustained in an attack by a group  
of people alleged to be Janta  
Party supporters. Some of them  
had sustained serious injuries.

A Congress procession taken  
out in support of Mr Sanjay Gan-  
dhi was attacked while passing  
through the lanes of this town-  
ship. A group of people armed  
with lathis attacked the jeep  
fitted with loudspeaker leading  
the procession.

Mr Mohan Singh, Congress MLA,  
told Samachar that the attack  
was "so sudden and planned" that  
nothing could be done to save the  
Congress workers.

The majority of the injured  
persons belonged to Harijan and  
Gujjar communities who were par-  
ticipating in the procession. The

Congress flags were torn and  
trampled on, Mr Singh said.

The loudspeaker was broken  
into pieces and the jeep badly  
damaged.

Later the local Congress office  
was attacked. The furniture and  
the public address system were  
damaged, Mr Singh said.

**GAURIGANJ:** Earlier, Mr Gan-  
dhi told the youth today that no  
body could deny them their right-  
ful place in the Indian political,  
economic and social fields.

Addressing a largely-attended  
youth rally organised by the  
Yuvak Mangal Dal of U.P., Mr  
Gandhi said the future belonged  
to the youth and no one could  
prevent them from making a  
headway in national life.

He said: "The decade belongs to  
the youth and people in their  
eighties or late seventies may  
create temporary problems in our  
way, but ultimately the future be-  
longs to us and the youth shall  
have its say."

Mr Gandhi said the forces  
working against the youth would  
not be able to suppress them for  
long. It would be better to re-  
cognise and give the youth its  
rightful status in the national  
life.

He cautioned the youth against  
the false propaganda and systema-  
tic campaign of rumour mongering  
launched by the opposition.

The opposition in any event  
had nothing at stake, whereas  
"we, the youth of India, have  
everything at stake. If the nation  
weakens our entire progress and  
development will suffer," Mr  
Gandhi said.

He asked the youth to work with  
zest and determination to defeat  
the opposition "grand alliance" in  
the coming elections and streng-  
then the nation by voting the  
Congress back to power.

Mr Gandhi said family planning  
was essential if the nation was  
to harvest the fruits of economic  
and social achievements.

If the population continued to  
grow the way it had, no amount  
of development would be able to  
meet the growing demands.

During the day Mr Gandhi tra-  
velled nearly 150 kms on "kuchha  
roads" of the Amethi parliamen-

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# Janta lacks confidence, says Sanjay

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tary constituency and trekked through a number of villages.

Smiling and walking cheerfully, Mr Gandhi shook hands with hundreds of his admirers while Mrs Menaka Gandhi dressed in a printed khadi sari distributed "fore-head spots" (tikuli) among the rural women folks.

Shouts of "Sanjay Gandhi Zindabad" and "Indira Gandhi Zindabad" greeted Mr Gandhi in every village where he addressed a meeting or passed through during the course of his day's programme.

**JAGDISHPUR:** Mr Gandhi has said opposition allegations on poll rigging have revealed their lack of confidence in the democratic system.

Addressing an election meeting here yesterday, he said opposition leaders while making such allegations, were creating alibis to save their faces as they had realised it was difficult to mislead the electorate.

The allegations, he said, had no foundation.

Mr Gandhi said the Janta Party was nothing but the erstwhile 'grand alliance' with a new label. He was sure that as in the past, the electorate would frustrate opposition attempts to grab power.

Travelling over 15 km in his Amethi parliamentary constituency, he told his audiences that opposition allegations against the Government and the Congress were false.

On family planning, he said the Congress programme was based on mutual consent and understanding. On the other hand, the opposition had said sterilisation would be made compulsory after three children if the Janta Party was voted to power.

"It is for you to decide which programme is better for the country," he said.

On the Youth Congress, Mr Sanjay Gandhi said no one could say its programmes were not in the national interest.

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