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For a healthier campaign

This is with reference to your editorial 'Proper Debate, Please' (October 4). It is refreshing that UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi has changed track and set a new trend by focussing more on issues of development in Gujarat. Most Congress leaders seem to have decided to keep away from direct personal attacks except for Digvijay Singh. Discerning voters yearn to follow a healthy and mature debate. One wonders if the Election Commission can take the lead to trigger a new trend in electioneering in the country so as to put an end to acrimonious, personal, ill-mannered verbal attacks? It is time the ruling party and the opposition leaders evolve a more effective code of conduct for the election campaign. We should never forget that democracy demands discipline, tolerance and mutual regard even in the heat and dust of elections.

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