Under Modi, India reeling under financial anarchy: Sena

MUMBAI, JUN 23 /--/ In a fresh attack on the central government, the Shiv Sena today said the nation is reeling under "financial anarchy". The BJP's carping ally said many banking frauds have come to light during the four-year-old tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and sought to know what action has been taken by his government against those who "looted" banks. "The economy of the country has been destroyed under the Modi government. Modi wanted to show that he, and not (his predecessor) Manmohan Singh, was the real economist by bringing the rupee at par with the US dollar," the Sena said in an editorial in its party mouthpiece 'Saamana'.

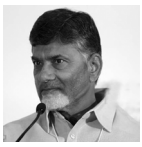
"However, the Indian currency has plummeted to its lowest levels," it said. The Uddhav Thackeray-led party said banks and financial institutions are engaging in undisciplined behaviour and those who "looted" banks ran away from the country under Modi's nose. "What happened to the promises of not tolerating corruption and sending those engaging in it to jail?" the Sena publication sought to know Citing the recent criminal case registered against Pune-based developer D S Kulkarni for allegedly cheating a public sector lender, the Sena said many banking frauds have come to fore during the Modi regime. Allegations of wrongdoing have also been levelled against ICICI Bank CEO Chanda Kochhar and businessmen Nirav Modi, Mehul Choksi and Vijay Mallya, said the Sena publication. "Big industrialists have drowned loans worth nearly Rs 1.25 lakh crore. This includes big names and nationalised banks. How many chairmen of banks have gone to jail for giving loans illegally? What strong step has Finance Minister Piyush Goyal taken against those who looted banks?" it asked. The Sena said demonetisation caused panic in the country and adversely affected its economy. "The country is reeling under financial anarchy (due to note-ban) and it is only increasing," the party claimed. "The demonetisation caused a lot of harm to the unorganised sector and unemployment increased. Also, claims that demonetisation would end terrorism in Kashmir proved to be hollow," the party said. The Sena demanded registration of a case against the RBI governor over the demonetisation exercise, which led to scrapping of high-value notes.(PTI)

PM ignoring Kerala: Pinarayi Vijayan

NEW DELHI, JUN 23 /--/ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan today accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of consistently ignoring Kerala and its demands. Vijayan's, who was yesterday denied permission to meet the prime minister, also alleged the Centre was not paying heed to the country's federal structure. The PM has been ignoring Kerala. The Centre's aversion to Kerala's demands is leading to the collapse of several industries in the state. When we needed to see the PM and submit our requests, we were not allowed to do so, Vijayan said. "We need a satisfied state and a strong Centre in the federal system," Vijayan said, adding that the response of the previous governments to the state's demands was not as bad as it was now.

For instance, in the case of the Kanjikode rail coach factory, our requests were completely ignored. The Centre's involvement must indicate a basic understanding of the federal system and the states' needs. Unfortunately, the central government does not recognise this need. The previous governments understood this. I am not saying that they took all necessary measures. But things were not as bad as they are now, he said. An all-party delegation from Kerala had yesterday sought permission to meet the prime minister to convey their grievances over the reduced ration allocations to meet the food security needs of the state. They were instead asked to meet the Union minister concerned. Vijayan had last week extended support to his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal, who was on a sit-in at the Lieutenant Governor's office, against the alleged strike of bureaucrats. (PTI)

AP will be torn apart if 'monkey gangs' come to power: CM



AMARAVATI, JUN 23 /--/ Criticising his political opponents, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu today said Andhra Pradesh would be torn apart if "monkey gangs", making countless promises that could not be fulfilled, come to power in the state after the assembly polls scheduled next year. He was addressing anganwadi teachers, who came to thank him for enhancing their salaries, at his residence here, a release from the Telugu Desam Party said. "Some people are promising a lot of things, which cannot be fulfilled. The state will be torn apart if such monkey gangs come to power," Naidu said. Development would continue only if one party was voted to power in successive elections, he said.

The Chief Minister asked the anganwadi teachers to spread word in the villages that the state would have a future only if "Chandranna" (Chandrababus nickname) remained in power. He alleged that people of the country were facing hardships because of demonetisation and implementation of GST. "The centre has destroyed the agricultural sector as well," he alleged. Naidu claimed that he created a lot of wealth in the state during last four years of TDP government as a result of which there was happiness in society, despite the Centre not extending any cooperation to the state. "If you all stand by me, there will not be any opposition left and the state's progress will continue. If you all vote and help us (TDP) win all 25 Lok Sabha seats (in general elections next year), we will be in a position to decide who becomes the Prime Minister and we can demand and get things done," the TDP supremo said. Minister for Women and Child Development Paritala Sunitha and officials of the department were also present on the occassion.(PTI)

Law Ministry will make decisive intervention in SC in favour of rights of widows: Prasad

NEW DELHI, JUN 23 /--/ Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad today said his ministry would "make decisive intervention" in a case of widow welfare being heard by the Supreme Court to ensure protection of their rights. Speaking at an event organised by The Loomba Foundation on the occasion of International Widows' Day, Prasad asserted that he would make a one-time exception and decisively intervene to ensure widows in the country have their rights. Earlier, speaking at the function, Cherie Blair, Loomba Foundation president and spouse of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, said that the issue was being considered by the Supreme Court and a hearing was due in July. "The Supreme Court of India is considering this issue and I know a hearing is coming up in July. I am very proud that the Loomba Foundation is being represented as intervener in the proceedings," she said. The Loomba Foundation can never deal with this on its own. It needs action from the government and authorities such as the Supreme Court to ensure justice to widows, she said.

Replying to her, Prasad said, "Cherie Blair, I must assure you that normally the Law and Justice Minister must remain away from the court proceedings...but the case which you have referred, I will surely make one exception and ensure my department makes a very decisive intervention in favour of the rights of the widows." Last month, the Supreme Court had slapped fines on eight state governments and pulled them up for "not bothering" about the welfare of widows and destitute women by not heeding to the Centre's proposal for setting up an expert committee to deal with the problem. A bench of Justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta had also suggested that the Centre should consider framing "one proper and first class" composite scheme by merging a plethora of existing ones, which was accepted by the government. Next hearing of the case is scheduled on July 31. (PTI)

Seychelles President Danny Faure tries his hand on a spinning wheel (Charkha) during his visit to Sabarmati Gandhi Ashram in Ahmadabad on Saturday.

Hapur lynching: 2nd video shows mob forcing man to confess cow slaughter

HAPUR, JUN 23 /--/ Another video of the Hapur lynching purportedly showing a mob beating up a man and forcing him to confess to having slaughtered a cow has gone viral on social media. Samayuddin (65), one of the men who were allegedly brutally assaulted by the mob after minor tiff with a man on a motorcycle, can be seen pleading to the attackers.

The mob can be heard asking him to identify others, who they alleged slaughtered a cow. A panting Samayuddin can be seen bleeding profusely from his head in the video aired on television channels. Another video had rocketed the Internet following the shocking incident in Bacheda village on June 18. It showed a man with multiple injuries lying in a field.

Police had earlier said Qasim (45) was lynched following a minor tiff with a man on a motorcycle, denying reports that a mob attacked him and Samayuddin over rumours of cow slaughter. Earlier, a photograph of Qasim being dragged by a crowd in the presence of three policemen had gone viral on social media. The Uttar Pradesh Police had apologised yesterday over the manner in which Qasim was being handled after he was badly injured in the attack. In Delhi, Samayuddin's brother had alleged yesterday that the UP Police had not recorded the FIR in the manner wanted by his family. (PTI)

Kenyan Defence Minister visits Western Naval Command

MUMBAI, JUN 23 /--/ Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary for Defence (Defence Minister), Kenya, visited the Western Naval Command headquarters here yesterday along with a high-level military delegation. During the visit, Omamo interacted with Vice Admiral Girish Luthra, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, and other senior officers of the Western Naval Command, a defence spokesperson said in a statement. Issues of mutual interest, including maritime security and stability in the Indian Ocean Region, strengthening of defence cooperation, and enhancing training interaction were discussed.

The delegation was also briefed about the Western Naval Command. Omamo also had an interaction with a few women officers, posted at the Command, and visited the indigenously built stealth destroyer INS Kolkata, and the Mazagon Docks Ltd, the statement said. (PTI)

BJP functionary stabbed to death by duo on bike

CHIKKAMAGALURU (KAR) JUN 23 /--/ A BJP functionary was stabbed to death by two motorcycle-borne assailants here, police said today. The general secretary of BJP's Chikkamagaluru unit, Anwar was waylaid by two unidentified men last night and stabbed multiple times, they said. The 40-year-old activist was rushed to a nearby private hospital where he succumbed to his injuries, police said. "We are interrogating some people but there are no leads as such in this case," Superintendent of Police of Chikkamagaluru, K Annamalai told PTI. Anwar's relatives alleged that he was murdered by contract killers hired by some people with whom he had a personal rivalry. They said that a similar attempt was made on the former BJP district minority morcha president's life eight years ago. BJP's state general secretary and Chikkamagaluru MLA C T Ravi and Udupi-Chikkamagaluru MP Shobha Karandlaje expressed shock over the killing and sought the arrest of the culprits.(PTI)

Mobile Internet services restored in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, JUN 23 /--/ Mobile Internet services were restored today in Srinagar, a day after they were suspended as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order, a police official said. He said the decision to restore the services was taken in view of the improving situation. The authorities had yesterday barred mobile Internet services in Srinagar, Anantnag and Pulwama districts of the Valley. The services were suspended as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order following an encounter in Anantnag district in which four militants, reportedly belonging to the Islamic State Jammu and Kashmir, were killed. One of the slain militants was from Srinagar. The official said the services continue to remain suspended in Anantnag and Pulwama, and a decision on restoring the facility would be taken after assessing the situation.(PTI)

Children of the world must be taught about non-violence: Seychelles prez

AHMEDABAD, JUN 23 /--/ The ideals of Mahatma Gandhi were still relevant, Seychelles President Danny Faure said here today, adding that the principle of non-violence should be taught to children across the world. The visiting leader of Seychelles also paid rich tributes to the icon of India's freedom movement. Faure, who landed in Gujarat last evening as part of his India tour, visited the Sabarmati Ashram today, where Gandhi lived between 1917 and 1930. "The principle of non-violence is what we need to teach the children of our world and what was expressed by Gandhi many years ago remains relevant even today -- an eye for an eye will make the world blind," the president of the island nation wrote in the visitors' book at the ashram.

Ashram trustee Kartikey Sarabhai and secretary Amrut Modi showed him around the premises, which house an archive, an exhibition centre and the "Hriday Kunj", the place where Gandhi used to live. "Faure showed a keen interest about the life and times of Gandhiji. He sought to know why Gandhiji chose Ahmedabad and what exactly did he do during his long stay here. "He also wanted to know the details about the Dandi March (a civil disobedience movement against the British rule), which was started from the ashram," Modi told reporters. Faure also tried his hands on the spinning wheel (charkha) at the ashram and understood the process of producing Khadi strands.

Banker demanding sexual favours from farmer's wife shocking: Chavan

MUMBAI, JUN 23 /--/ Senior Congress leader Ashok Chavan today condemned the incident of a bank branch manager in the state's Buldhana district allegedly demanding sexual favours from a farmer's wife in order to clear a crop loan. Chavan called it a "shame" and a "blot" on a progressive state like Maharashtra. Rajesh Hivase, bank manager with the Central Bank of India in Buldhana, was booked on Thursday after a woman, who had applied for a crop loan with the bank at Datala village in Malakapur tehsil, filed a complaint. According to the police, Hivase had taken the contact details of the woman, when she had visited the bank along with her husband, and then called her later that day demanding sexual favours in return for processing the loan application.

Later, police said, Hivase sent a peon to the woman's house to get her to agree to his demands. The woman recorded the banker's conversation which she later submitted to the police while lodging a complaint against Hivase on Thursday, police said. Speaking on the issue, Chavan today said, "Farmers are not getting loan waiver or crop insurance and cannot even avail crop loans. The incident of a branch manager seeking sexual favours from a farmer's wife in lieu of processing a loan is shocking and condemnable." The Congress' state unit chief also demanded that the government try the case in a fast track court and punish the guilty as quickly as possible. A case has been registered against the banker and the peon under relevant sections of the IPC and the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and further probe was underway, police said.(PTI)

Maha plastic ban: 72 fined, Rs 3.6 lakh collected in Nashik

NASHIK, JUN 23 /--/ Seventy-two people were fined and a sum of Rs 3.6 lakh collected from them in Nashik on the first day of the plastic ban that came into effect across Maharashtra today, a civic corporation official said. An official release from the Nashik Municipal Corporation stated that various civic teams fanned out across the six municipal divisions of the city and fined violators as per the provisions of the plastic ban notification issued by the Maharashtra government on March 23. Over 350 kilograms of plastic items were also seized, the release informed. On March 23, the state government imposed a ban on manufacturing, use, sale, distribution and storage of plastic materials such as one-time-use bags, spoons, plates, PET and PETE bottles and thermocol items. As per the government's notification, the fine for first-time and second-time offenders will be Rs 5,000 and Rs 10,000 respectively. A third violation will attract a fine of Rs 25,000 and a jail term for three months.(PTI)

NDA govt's claim of more militants being killed in its rule shows it allowed militancy to re-emerge: Omar

SRINAGAR, JUN 23 /--/ National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah today said the NDA government's claim that more militants were killed in Kashmir during its rule than in the UPA dispensation actually tells how it allowed militancy and violence to re-emerge in the Valley. Actually minister sahib this tells the story of how your government allowed militancy & violence to re-emerge in J&K forcing the security forces to kill more terrorists, Omar wrote on Twitter. The former J&K chief minister was reacting to Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad's tweet and statement that more militants were killed under the NDA government than in the UPA rule. Prasad said security forces had killed 72 and 67 militants in 2012

and 2013 under the UPA and the figure rose to 110 in 2014 when the BJP-led NDA came to power at the Centre. He said the forces killed 108 militants in 2015, 150 in 2016, 217 in 2017 and 75 till May this year. Omar said the increase in the number of militants killed was not an achievement. You should be embarrassed by these statistics not be claiming them as some achievement, the NC vice president wrote. (PTI)

Kashmir Editors Guild condemns BJP leader's threat to journalist

SRINAGAR, JUN 23 /--/ The Kashmir Editors Guild (KEG) today condemned former minister and BJP leader Lal Singh's statement threatening Kashmiri journalists. KEG has condemned the criminal statement of Singh who has issued a direct threat to the Kashmir media.

Singh, who was earlier being termed as a serious sufferer of foot-in-mouth disease, has moved way ahead and issued a direct threat to the media in Kashmir, a spokesman of the KEG said in a statement here. Singh, a BJP MLA, has warned Kashmiri journalists to draw a line between reporting facts and supporting terrorists or face the fate of Rising Kashmir editor Shujaat Bukhari, who was shot dead by militants. "Kashmiri journalists have created an erroneous atmosphere and I would like to ask them to draw a line...You want to live like what happened to Basharat (Shujaat Bukhari)...Take care of yourselves and draw a line so that the brotherhood is not broken and it is maintained so that progress and development is ensured, Singh told reporters in Jammu yesterday.

In a tweet today, the BJP MLA said, "There is need to draw a line between reporting facts and supporting terrorists and their sympathisers. Misinterpretation has become a norm and reporting facts a rarity. Journalistic freedom is absolute but not at the cost of nation and nationalism.". The guild said, "Singh's statement indicates that he holds some information about Bukhari's murder and must be investigated.

KEG reserves the right to lodge a police case against the lawmaker who, earlier as well, named a number of reporters for his fall from grace in wake of the Kathua probe, now in a trial stage." Singh and his colleague Chander Prakash Ganga had resigned on April 13 over their participation in an earlier rally in support of the accused in the gang rape and murder of the eight-year-old girl in Kathua district.

"The Congress-turned-BJP politician has seemingly talked on Kashmir media from a point of strength and possible information about the recent killing in Srinagar, the spokesman said. He also said the guild was perturbed over the sluggish pace with which the investigation into Bukhari's murder are moving ahead. Bukhari and his two personal security officers were shot dead by unidentified gunmen outside the newspaper's office in the heart of Srinagar on June 14. (PTI)

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