

Modi-Fadnavis dictators, noise against Emergency a farce: Sena

MUMBAI, JUN 29 /- Slamming the central and the Maharashtra governments over the Nanar refinery project, the Shiv Sena today dubbed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis dictators and claimed that the noise made by them against the Emergency was a farce. In an editorial in party mouthpiece 'Saamana', the Sena also said that laying a brick for the USD 44 billion mega refinery project at Nanar in Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra would be akin to laying the foundation stone for a cancer hospital there. "Due to this poisonous project, people will suffer from cancer, tuberculosis and other chest-related ailments. If this project is being thrust upon people despite their objection, it is akin to Emergency," it alleged.

"PM Modi should shut down the Environment Ministry at the Centre as well as those at the state level. While nature lovers are doing their best for the environment, the Centre is coming up with poisonous projects that will destroy it," the

editorial alleged. It added that the Nanar refinery project would harm the area's ecosystem and destroy farm produce there. "Modi-Fadnavis are engaging in dictatorship. If they want to be dictators, the noise made by them against the Emergency, which happened 43 years ago, was a farce," it alleged. Hitting out further, the Saamana editorial alleged, "Like Hitler killed lakhs of Jews and caused mayhem, this Nanar project is a conspiracy to kill people in their homes and destroy their lands by trapping them in a gas chamber." It said that Fadnavis had made a commitment that the project would be thrust on the people of the area and people from the panchayats there had already submitted their opposition to the Maharashtra CM.

If the will of the majority is not respected in a democracy, it is considered a dictatorship," it said. Petroleum minister Dharmendra Pradhan, sitting in Delhi, signs a cheque and then comes to Mumbai expecting support. This is betrayal," it added. Speaking about

the reported threat to the life of Modi, the Sena said while strict guidelines were imposed on those wishing to visit him, the people of Nanar were being treated like insects. "In a democracy, it is fine if people die, however, the king should live. Our soldiers and farmers are dying. The slogan of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan' is dying," the Sena claimed. It asked if the Army would be deployed to quell protests against the project and further claimed, envisaging a hypothetical situation, that the protesters would outnumber the bullets that would be showered on them.

Instead of threatening to take the project out of Maharashtra, the Sena said it should be shifted to Vidarbha as suggested by people's representatives. "The editorial added that it was wrong to assume that the project would succeed only if it was built close to the seashore. People in the Konkan region do not need jobs since farming was their source of livelihood, the Saamana article noted. "Also, tourism is a big business. How does the govern-

ment intend to create jobs by sending all of these to the grave," it asked. "Laying a brick for this project is like laying the foundation of a cancer hospital. People in Konkan are happy. Do not mix poison in their happiness. Throwing this project upon people is like forcing Emergency," the Sena said.

Saudi Aramco and ADNOC signed an MoU on June 25 to jointly develop and build an integrated refinery and petrochemicals complex at Ratnagiri in Maharashtra. The project will be implemented by Ratnagiri Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. (RRPL). RRPL is promoted by a consortium of IOCL, BPCL and HPCL and will have Saudi Aramco and ADNOC as overseas strategic partners. The mega refinery will be capable of processing 60 million metric tonnes of crude oil per annum and will also provide feedstock for the integrated petrochemicals complex, which will have the capacity of producing 18 million tonnes per annum of petrochemical products. (PTI)

BJP unlikely to go for early Lok Sabha election: Kharge

NEW DELHI, JUN 29 /- Senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge today said it was unlikely that the BJP would go for early Lok Sabha election looking at the current political situation. The Congress leader in the Lok Sabha said the BJP's stand on holding early election will be clear once the monsoon session of Parliament begins.

"BJP may be planning to hold elections in November or December. There will be elections in some states in November. The BJP is still calculating that it would benefit if more in states like Maharashtra if the general elections take place after the completion of its full term. Looking at the current political situation, it is unlikely that the BJP will go for early polls," Kharge said. He is currently doing its calculations and is weighing its options of gains and losses in

states and it will take a call on early polls only after it completes the exercise."

Kharge alleged that the BJP has not fulfilled any of its promises made ahead of the 2014 general elections and it has not much to talk about its achievements. "The promises made by the BJP in last elections have not been fulfilled. It is still thinking about elections."

Things will be clear once the Parliament session begins," he said. Former prime minister and JDS supreme HD Deve Gowda had indicated yesterday that the BJP was planning early elections and called for the need to form a Third Front at the earliest to take on the saffron party.

He had also said that the monsoon session would be the last session of this Lok Sabha, looking at the signals that the BJP was giving to its cadres in states. (PTI)



DSP despatches 1st consignment of wheels for Kolkata Metro

DURGAPUR, JUNE 29 /- Durgapur Steel Plant, a unit of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), despatched the first consignment of metro railway wheels for Kolkata Metro today. The first consignment was flagged off by Mr. A K Rath, CEO, DSP. "DSP is the only wheel producer in the country. We proudly say that the nation moves on DSP wheels. Now Kolkata Metro Railway will also run on DSP wheels," said Mr. A K Rath, CEO, DSP. In the first consignment, 46



Mr AK Rath, CEO, DSP flagging off the first consignment.

wheels have been despatched and in the first lot, 73 numbers of OK wheels have been made ready. The development of KOLKATA METRO wheel was successfully done with complete in-house resources. The design of Kolkata metro wheel is critical due to its complex web profile, which is different from the existing products that are supplied by DSP. The dimensions of these wheels are also different from the existing wheels. These called for new designing of forging dies, rolls and subsequent manufacturing, heat treatment and machining. It was followed by inspection in presence of RDSO for final dispatch. In the true spirit of "MAKE IN INDIA" Durgapur steel plant envisages to continue developing new products to suit the country's need.

ER's Bardhaman diesel shed Declared as tobacco free zone



Oath taking ceremony at ER's Bardhaman Diesel Shed for abstinence from any form of tobacco.



First Aid Training Camp at ER's Bardhaman Diesel Shed.

KOLKATA, JUNE 29 /- Eastern Railway's Medical Department has undertaken a health promotion and education programme for elimination of use of any form of tobacco among its employees. A massive awareness programme has been conducted at Bardhaman diesel shed for counselling the employees for abstinence from all form of tobacco consumption. The awareness programme was conducted by the Medical Dept. of ER under the guidance of Dr. Anupam Sengupta, Dr. Rupa Mukherjee, Dr. S. Roy and Dr. Anup Bhattacharjee. All the employees of the Bardhaman diesel shed participated in the awareness programme and taken the oath for not using any form of tobacco. The success of the awareness building programme leads to the declaration of Bardhaman diesel shed as TOBACCO FREE ZONE. The campaign for not using the tobacco included various modes of counselling viz. information, education & communication. ER's doctors delivered speeches on menace of tobacco use. PowerPoint presentation and interactive sessions were also conducted. Members of ER's Scouts & Guides also took part in the campaign. A First Aid Training camp was also organised. ER will also launch such campaigns in all the offices, workshops, sheds etc. over its jurisdiction.

Indian govt trying to build infrastructure for modern healthcare: PM

NEW DELHI, JUN 29 /- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the Centre along with state governments is trying to build infrastructure for modern healthcare to benefit the poor and the middle class. After laying the foundation stone for the National Centre for Ageing at the All India Institute for Medical Science (AIMS) here, Modi said in the last four years,

the Centre has given priority to the health sector to provide modern healthcare to the people.

"Along with state governments, the Centre is trying to build infrastructure for modern healthcare all over the country," he said. "Because of policy interventions of the government, we are moving towards a situation where we are providing good healthcare for the poor and

middle class so that they don't have to pay unnecessary cost for healthcare," Modi said. During the event at AIMS, the prime minister also inaugurated a 555-bed Super Speciality Block in Safdarjung Hospital. He also dedicated a 300-bed Power Grid 'Vishramb' Sadan in AIMS and a 'connection movable tunnel' between AIMS, Ansari Nagar and the Trauma Centre.

Govt clears list of clothing items required to be procured by soldiers using special allowance

NEW DELHI, JUN 29 /- After months of deliberations, the Defence Ministry has approved a list of items which will have to be purchased by each soldier from an annual clothing allowance of Rs 10,000, official sources said. The clothing allowance was announced by the Seventh Pay Commission in lieu of personnel clothing which was earlier being provided through ordnance factories, they said. Soldiers and Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) will now be required to procure clothing items, including summer uniform, shirt, gaiter, woollen jersey, multi dress and accoutrements like lanyard, belt, badges, ribbons, chevron and formation sign using the clothing allowance. Army and Defence Ministry sources said. Yesterday, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman finally approved the list of items that will now have to be purchased by each soldier from the clothing allowance now sanctioned, they said.

In other clothing items, including combat dress, physical fitness training kit as also the newly-introduced improved physical

training (PT) shoes, will continue to be issued to all soldiers from the military stores as authorised items, the sources said. Recruits will also continue to get additional dresses during recruitment training as before. The items which will be supplied to the soldiers from military stores include blankets, ground sheets, raincoats, mosquito nets etc. Special clothing items that are authorised to soldiers when deployed at Siachen, super high-altitude and extreme cold climate areas will be issued as per present procedures, the sources said.

"Dress allowance caters to meet the long due aspiration of soldiers who wanted well-stitched and well-fitted uniforms," said an Army official. The Seventh Pay Commission had recommended the clothing allowance based on the feedback from soldiers regarding quality and inappropriate fitting of dresses provided to them. It was, hence, decided that provision of dress material and allowing soldiers to get stitched as per individual fitment would be a better option, the sources said. (PTI)

Early Lok Sabha polls possible as BJP likely to lose polls in 3 states: Jaipal Reddy

HYDERABAD, JUN 29 /- Congress leader S Jaipal Reddy claimed that early Lok Sabha polls were possible as the BJP was likely to lose Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh Assembly elections, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not want to face the electorate with a "handicapped image". The former Union Minister claimed that the BJP would receive "huge reverses" in the three states, where elections were due later this year. The reason is simple. In Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, BJP is likely to lose heavily. After that, Modi will not be able to face the country," Reddy told PTI. "Therefore, he (Modi) does not want take the responsibility for the defeat

there (in the three states)," Reddy said, adding, "after that, BJP as a losing party will be emphasised". In view of the bleak prospects for the BJP in the three states, Mr. Modi may prefer to advance the polls so that he does not have to go with a handicapped image. It is likely," he said, but hastened to add, "who can say for sure in politics?"

On the electoral strategy of the opposition to be taken on the BJP in the Lok Sabha elections, Reddy said all the anti-BJP forces must try to come together before the polls. "They (anti-BJP forces) will surely come together after the polls. But they should come together before the polls, because unity before the polls will get larger number of seats,"

he said. In the states where the Congress and anti-BJP regional parties could not reach an agreement, they would fight it out but 'reach a unity' after the polls. But there are very few such states, Reddy added. (PTI)



BJP governments in Gujarat, at Centre ignoring farmers: Cong

RAJKOT, JUN 29 /- The Congress leader Harsukh Ribadiya, Leader of Opposition Pares Dhannani and former GPCC chief Arjun Modhiwadia, the party's MLAs from Sureasrastra and farmers also took part in the stir. The party has come out with a memorandum, addressed to the Governor of Gujarat, in which it has listed 16 demands.

"The governments at the Centre as well in the state do not pay any attention to problems being faced by farmers, resulting in the farmers of Gujarat becoming

poor day by day," the memorandum said.

The party said the Gujarat government should look into the demands raised by it. The demands include providing farm loan waiver, providing MSP (minimum support price) for various agriculture produce, releasing crop insurance for affected farmers, making available fertilisers at affordable rate and exemption from GST for machines used in drip irrigation. Others include tax relief on fuel (diesel) used for agriculture purposes, not

acquiring land without farmers' consent and giving electricity to peasants at a fixed rate. Modhiwadia said both the governments (Central and state) have no concern for farmers.

"Therefore, we have to come out on the roads for the welfare of the farmers of Gujarat," he said. Congress MLAs Mohammad Javed Pirzad, Shom Wani and Vikram Madam from Jam Khabhaliya, who are said to be miffed with the party leadership over various issues, also took part in the protest. (PTI)

Outstanding performance of Metro Staff



Kolkata 29-06-2018 Shri Proneel Halder, a staff of Metro Railway, Kolkata was selected to represent the Indian Senior National Football Team in the Inter-Continental Cup, a four-nation Football Tournament organized by All India Football Federation (AIFF) which was held at Mumbai from 1st July to 10th June, 2018. Shri Halder's performance in this tournament, where four countries namely India, New Zealand, Chinese Taipei and Kenya participated, was outstanding and India lifted the trophy by defeating Kenya 2-0 in the final.

Two meteorite-like objects fall in UP village

MUZAFFARPUR, JUNE 29 /- Two hot embers fell from the sky at Kasoli village in the district last night which villagers claimed to be meteorites. The two hot stones fell down with a loud sound after rains at the village in Charthawal police station area last night. Sub-divisional Magistrate Kumar Dharmendra said.

"The stones" have been taken into "safe custody" for investigation and only experts will tell whether they are meteorites, he added. The two hot embers fell down in a compound of a villager Sukhpal. Naraj Tyagi, Geography professor at a local college here, said the stones could be the part of a big meteorite.

This is not the first case in the district. In November 2003, the scientist had confirmed the finding of a big black-colored meteorite in Kasoli village. The meteorite was 29cm in diameter and 11-cm thick. It had created a 15-inch deep crater when it landed in the village. In 2006 also, two meteorites were found in the Karimpur village in the district. (PTI)

PM enquires about condition of Vajpayee during AIIMS visit

NEW DELHI, JUN 29 /- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today enquired about the condition of ailing BJP stalwart Atal Bihari Vajpayee during a visit to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

After attending an event at the AIIMS, Modi went to the wing where the 93-year-old former prime minister is admitted and spent around 10-15 minutes there, a hospital source said. Modi had paid two earlier visits to the hospital

to enquire about Vajpayee's health. Vajpayee was admitted to the AIIMS on June 11 with kidney and chest infection, chest congestion, urinary tract infection and urine output on the lower side. The former prime minister is ischemic and has one functional kidney. He had suffered a stroke in 2009 that weakened his cognitive abilities. Subsequently, he developed dementia. (PTI)

Sedition complaint filed against Azad for alleged remarks

NEW DELHI, JUN 29 /- A sedition complaint has been filed in a Delhi court against senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad for his alleged remarks that mercenaries were being killed in Jammu and Kashmir by terrorists. The plea filed by an advocate has sought action against the politician for acts of sedition under sections 124a (edition), 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 505 (1) (spreading rumour about army/navy/air force official which is likely to cause mutiny) of the IPC, claiming that the alleged remarks were pointing the Army as killers of innocents which was "nothing less than waging war against the country." The matter has been listed for hearing tomorrow before a magisterial court here.

According to the complaint filed by advocate Shashi Bhushan, in an TV interview on June 22, Azad had

allegedly said the "Indian Army in Jammu and Kashmir is a horrific and has one functional kidney. He had suffered a stroke in 2009 that weakened his cognitive abilities. Subsequently, he developed dementia. (PTI)

MONSOON AND COLD WEATHER PATROLLING
E-Tender Notice No. 44W-2/APDJ dated 27-06-2018. Tender No: 08-AP-11/2018. Name of work: Deployment of Patrim for Monsoon and cold weather patrolling (in Siltguri-Alipurduar and New Mal-Changrabanda section) under the jurisdiction of DEW/IAFDJ. Tender Value: ₹ 63,87,873.36. Earnest Money: ₹ 1,27,756.67. E-tender will be closed at 13.00 hrs. on 10-07-2018 and opened at 15.00 hrs. on 10-07-2018. The concerned documents with the tender documents of above tender will be available in the website www.drmmworks.com. DRM(Works), Alipurduar, JN, NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY. For more information visit the website www.drmmworks.com