

Modi is 'loudspeaker' for big businessmen: Rahul Gandhi

Kicks off poll rally in Haryana with an attack on Modi govt's policies

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New Delhi, October 14
Economic slowdown and unemployment were the main issues taken up by former Congress President Rahul Gandhi during his



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with the candidate for Nuh constituency, Aftab Ahmed, during a campaign rally for Haryana Assembly polls on Monday PTI

brief speech at an election rally in Nuh, Haryana. Comparing the BJP regime to the British Raj, he said it is trying to divide people on the lines of caste, religion and region to hide its failures on the economic front.

The Wayanad MP said the Narendra Modi Government destroyed the economy and held Prime Minister Modi responsible.

"Modi is the loudspeaker

for Ambani and Adani. He speaks for them every day," Gandhi charged.

Bashing GST, DeMo

Criticising demonetisation and GST, he said no one saw Ambani and Adani in queues when high-value currency notes were demonetised.

"No black money hoarders were there in the queues," he said.

Gandhi said the common man had not benefited from the GST and it was designed for the benefit of a few billionaires.

"Small and medium enterprises have been closed down by Modi's policies. PSUs are being sold off to his billionaire friends," he accused.

Attacking Modi and Haryana Chief Minister ML Khatiar, he claimed both work for 15 billionaires. "Modi always tries to deviate people's attention from real issues. Media has been silenced under his regime," he said.

The Nehru scion added that while Congress waived

farmers' debt, Modi Government waived off more than ₹5 lakh crore of 15 corporates. He said Modi is never seen with a farmer, can be seen only with Trump and Ambani.

"Modi decreased corporate tax. To revive economy, money should be given to the poor people and farmers. The Congress had promised Nyay scheme to ensure this," he said.

Economic downturn

He said within six months, the economic situation will be worsened. "A government cannot run long without ensuring employment to youth. In six months, people will rise in one voice against Modi as economy is going down further," he said.

Quoting Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, he said loan waivers for farmers helped the economy in the State.

When voted back to power, he claimed, the Congress will put the economy of Haryana back on the track.

Back to life



A Srinagar resident makes a call on Monday. Postpaid mobile services were restored in Kashmir after 70 days following abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories PTI

How the malaise of the politician-cooperative banks nexus afflicts Maharashtra

RADHESHYAM JADHAV

Pune, October 14

Politicians mishandling public money in cooperative sector and shielding themselves by shifting loyalties to the ruling party has become common in Maharashtra in recent times.

The latest to join the list is Shivajirao Bhosale Cooperative Bank promoted by Anil Bhosale, NCP leader and Member of Maharashtra Legislative Council (MLC).

The Cooperative Department recently dismissed the board of directors of this Pune-based bank.

Turcoats, but no use

Anil Bhosale was among the first leaders to desert the Nationalist Congress Party and shift allegiance to the BJP.

Anil Bhosale is one of the prominent politicians and cooperative bank leaders in Pune.

He got elected as MLC in 2017

but left the NCP after his wife was denied a nomination for the municipal elections.

He moved closer to the BJP camp, which supported his wife to get elected.

He landed in trouble in 2017 after the Cooperative Commissioner removed him and his wife from the board after they were found guilty of renting their private property to the bank. Interestingly, the complaint was filed by a BJP worker.

In May this year, the Reserve

Bank of India placed the Shivajirao Bhosale Bank under All Inclusive Directions.

RBI cracks the whip

Accordingly, depositors were allowed to withdraw a sum not exceeding ₹1,000 of the total balance held in every savings bank or current account or any other deposit account.

A special scrutiny conducted by the RBI in April 2019 re-

vealed several "adverse" features and "serious irregularities" in the functioning of the bank, said the order issued by Commissioner of Cooperation on October 9.

The Commissioner of Cooperation and Registrar of Cooperative Societies, in consultation with the

RBI, superseded the present board of directors, and appointed Narayan Agnihotri, District Deputy Registrar, as an administrator, the order said.

PMC fiasco started it all

But Shivajirao Bhosale Cooperative Bank is not the only entity facing crisis.

Recently, the RBI imposed restrictions on withdrawal of funds from Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank. All these banks are controlled by local politicians. The Economic Offences

of a ₹4,350-crore scam. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena Chief Raj Thackeray and the Congress have alleged that directors of this bank are linked to the BJP.

Similar sanctions were imposed by the RBI on Osmanabad-based Vasantdada Nagar Cooperative Bank, Vithalrao Vikhe Patil Co-operative Bank in Nashik and Karad Janta Co-operative Bank. All these banks are controlled by local politicians.

(With inputs from PTI)

Sharad Pawar-BJP face off as poll campaign heats up

Congress fails to galvanise cadre, banks on the NCP leader

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Pune, October 14

Even as the ruling BJP claims that the Maharashtra Assembly elections would be a cakewalk for the party, PM Narendra Modi, Party President Amit Shah, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and several other cabinet ministers have joined the election campaign in the State.

The ruling BJP-Sena combine was hoping it would be a one-sided election as many Congress and NCP leaders deserted their parties ahead of the polls and joined the BJP.

"However, as election campaign simmers and allegations are flaring up, it seems that the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) President Sharad Pawar has been able to pose a challenge," says Chetan Chavan, a Kolhapur citizen.

"If it is a one-sided election as BJP leaders are pretending, why are the PM and cabinet ministers busy in Maharashtra?" asked



Home Minister Amit Shah



NCP chief Sharad Pawar

Pawar at a public meeting. Pawar has caused a stir with his aggressive election speeches.

The Maratha strongman is taking on Modi, CM Devendra Fadnavis, Ministers and Amit Shah in his speeches.

With less than a week to go for the polls, the BJP is out campaigning in full force.

Modi and Shah will be addressing a series of meetings in the next few days, while central ministers are covering almost every district of the State.

BJP insiders said that as majority of State stalwarts are stuck in their assembly constituencies, BJP's national leaders are supporting Fadnavis' efforts to reach voters.

The party is struggling to put up a fight and is largely banking on ally Sharad Pawar's public meetings and rebel candidates in the BJP-Sena camp.

The lone rangers

Fadnavis said that he was confident of bouncing back to power as people are more

PMC scam: Centre should come out in open, says Prithviraj Chavan

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Mumbai, October 14

The former Chief Minister of Maharashtra and senior Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan demanded that in the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank (PMC) scam, the Centre should inform the citizens of the ac-

tion it is planning to take against officials in Reserve Bank of India and the State Cooperation Department for their failure to detect the fraud.

Addressing the media on Monday, Chavan asked, "How is it possible that the bank had 73 per cent loan exposure

to HDIL builders, which is a complete violation of the banking laws. Even if some people have been arrested in the PMC scam but what about the auditors of the bank."

Commenting on the poll campaign, Chavan said that BJP is not canvassing on local issues affecting Maharashtra

but is raising issues such as relevance to a Kashmir election, he said.

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The Board Meeting intimation as sent to the Stock Exchanges has been uploaded on the bank's website i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com. The outcome of the Board Meeting along with the Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results as approved by the Board of Directors in the said Meeting shall also be made available on the website of the bank i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com and on the website of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com under the Security Code: 539437) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (www.nseindia.com under the Symbol: IDFCFIRSTB) where the Bank's securities are listed.

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Live webcast from 9,673 booths in Maharashtra

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, October 14

The Election Commission has decided to live webcast voting from over 9,000 polling stations, including sensitive ones, during the next week's Maharashtra Assembly elections, an official said on Monday.

The State polls will also, for the first time, witness use of VVPAT (voter verifiable paper audit trail) machines, he said.

The EC is using the live webcasting to deter miscreants from creating

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