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Kerala was betrayed for a few pieces of gold: Modi

LDF, UDF engaged in match-fixing, says the Prime Minister

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday compared the incumbent Left Democratic Front (LDF) government in Kerala to Judas.

"Judas betrayed Lord Christ for a few coins. The LDF betrayed Kerala for a few pieces of gold," Mr. Modi said while addressing an election rally of the BJP at Fort Maidan here.

Mr. Modi went on to attack both the LDF and the United Democratic Front (UDF), saying that both fronts were engaged in a match-fixing game.

Calling upon youth to reject the LDF and the UDF, Mr. Modi said they both were masters of vote-bank politics and shared the same objective

of making money.

The Prime Minister accused the two fronts of directly attacking the State's culture. "These parties are ashamed of the culture of our land. Their leaders abuse our tradition and ethos. The LDF government should be ashamed of 'showing' lathis on innocent devotees, and the UDF should be ashamed of remaining silent," he said, adding that the BJP could not be intimidated by lathis and would not remain a silent



spectator. According to Mr. Modi, the nation's politics is afflicted by five diseases - corruption, casteism, com-

munalism, cronyism (both nepotism and dynasticism), and criminalism. "And the root cause of this disease is a super disease called vote-bank politics," he said.

Alleging that the UDF and the LDF had erected a large number of road blocks to Kerala's development, the Prime Minister proposed a FAST path of development for the State. "F stands for fishery and fertilizers, A for agriculture and Ayurveda, S for skill development and social justice, and T for tourism and technology," he said.

He said the BJP would give thrust on those areas to achieve fast development for the State. The BJP, if elected to power in Kerala, will also stop the culture of political killings in the State.

All BJP candidates in the district, including Mr. Sreedharan, were present.