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BJP tally shrinks from 303 in 2019 to 240, much lower than exit poll predictions; party needs support of NDA allies as coalition politics makes a return

BJP suffers stunning losses in UP, Maharashtra, Bengal, fares below expectations in Karnataka, Rsthan as INDIA halts Modi run with 234 seats

PM Modi terms verdict historic, says it's the first time since 1962 that an incumbent government has been repeated for the third consecutive term

INDIA blooms, lotus wilts

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 4
The 2024 national election results defied exit poll predictions on Tuesday to humble the ruling BJP, which emerged as the single largest party but fell significantly short of a simple majority — 272 — in the 543-member Lok Sabha, heralding the return of the coalition era.

At midnight, the BJP had either won or was leading in 240 seats (32 short of a majority) while the ruling NDA was at 293 (it had crossed the 272 majority victory mark). However, the performance of the NDA was below the much-touted PM's 400 "paar" claims.

With the TDP pledging support to the BJP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi termed the verdict "historic" and a "victory of the world's largest democracy", even as he signalled preparations to stake claim to form the government for the third straight term.

"This is the first time since 1962 that an incumbent government has been repeated for a third time," Modi said as stunning losses in the Hindi

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EDIT: INDIA'S MESSAGE



Prime Minister Narendra Modi gestures as he arrives at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Tuesday. REUTERS

“The fight against corruption is becoming tougher by the day. In the third term, the NDA will focus a lot on rooting out corruption. A strong India will be a strong pillar of a strong world.”

— Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

“This is the victory of people and democracy. We had been saying that this was a fight between the people and Modi. We humbly accept the people's mandate.”

— Mallikarjun Kharge, CONG PRESIDENT



INDIA DECIDES 2024

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Bloodbath on D-Street as results belie exit polls

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Sensex tanked while Nifty was down 1,379, in what was the biggest single-day stock market crash since Covid pandemic

Two kingmakers: Naidu pledges support to NDA, Nitish keeps cards close to chest



Chandrababu Naidu Nitish Kumar

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

Dismissed for varied reasons, two regional stalwarts—Telugu Desam Party chief N Chandrababu Naidu and Janata Dal United presi-

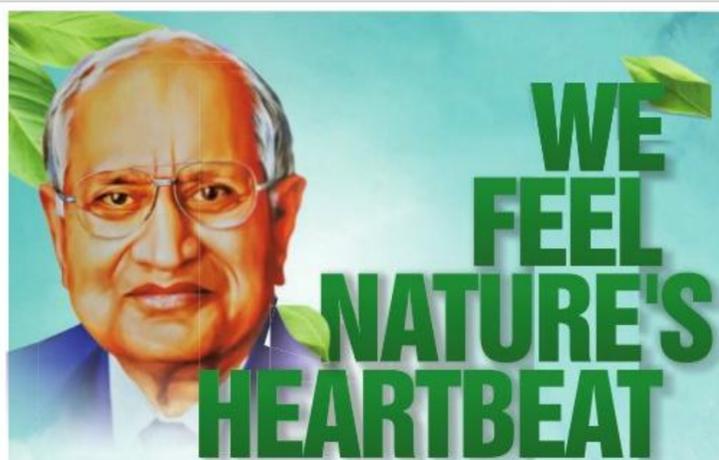
dent Nitish Kumar—on Tuesday emerged as kingmakers after the BJP fell short of the majority, posting 181 wins and 59 leads (240) in the Lok Sabha poll where 272 is the simple majority mark.

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TDP wins big in Andhra, Naidu to be CM again

NEW DELHI, JUNE 4
The NDA comprising TDP, BJP and Janasena has won over 160 of the 175 Assembly seats in Andhra Pradesh.

TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu (74), who was the CM of undivided Andhra Pradesh from 1995 to 2004 and earned the reputation of a CEO CM by bringing the state on the IT map of the world, is expected to be the CM again. The YSRCP was decimated with about 10 seats in the Assembly, in a near reversal of results over the 2019 state poll when the TDP was wiped out. **INSIDE**



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Punjab hands 7 to Cong, 2 to radicals

Amritpal, Sarabjeet come up trumps | AAP wins three constituencies | Bathinda saving grace for SAD | BJP fails to open account



Congress candidate Amrinder Singh Raja Warring celebrates his victory in Ludhiana on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: HIMANSHU MAHAJAN



JUPINDERJIT SINGH
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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4 Having lost power to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the 2022 Assembly elections, the Congress stamped its authority in the parliamentary elections by bagging seven of the 13 seats in Punjab.

The big talking point was the huge victory of jailed radical leader and self-styled Khalistan activist Amritpal Singh from Khadoor Sahib and Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa from Faridkot. Amritpal polled 4,04,430 votes and won by a margin of 1,97,120 votes, the highest in the state, against his nearest rival, Kulbir Singh Zira of the Congress.

The Congress won the

Amritsar (GS Aujla), Jalandhar (Charanjit Singh Channi), Ludhiana (Amrinder Singh Raja Warring), Fatehgarh Sahib (Amar Singh), Ferozepur (Sher Singh Ghubaya), Patiala (Dr Dharanvira Gandhi) and the Gurdaspur (Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa) seats.

The ruling AAP could get only three seats — Hoshiarpur (Dr Raj Kumar Chabberwal), Anandpur Sahib (Malwinder Singh Kang) and Sangrur (Gurmeet Singh Meethayer).

The SAD just managed to stay relevant by winning the Bathinda seat (Harsimrat Kaur Badal) whereas the BJP failed to open its account. However, the BJP's vote share increased by three times from 6.6 per cent in the Assembly elections to 18.56 per cent. It stood third in the state in terms of the vote share.

Interestingly, Punjab is the only state to elect an MP for

AAP as the party could not win a single seat in New Delhi or any other state.

The Congress got 26.30 per cent votes, while AAP got 26.02 per cent. The BJP, however, made its presence felt by bagging a higher share of votes (18.56 per cent) than the SAD, which got 13.42 per cent. The SAD was fourth in the state and down from 27.76 per cent vote share in the 2019 elections.

Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa, son of Beant Singh, one of the assassins of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, won from Faridkot by bagging 2,98,062 votes, beating his nearest rival Karamjeet Anmol of AAP by 70,053 votes. This is the first victory for Sarabjeet in the four elections he has contested so far. In 2004, he was the SAD (Amritsar) candidate from the Bathinda Lok Sabha seat and later from the Bhadaur

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Tewari wins his maiden election in Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4 Congress candidate Manish Tewari reclaimed the Chandigarh Lok Sabha seat for the Congress after a decade, defeating BJP's first-timer Sanjay Tandon, son of late RSS leader and former Chhattisgarh Governor Balramji Dass Tandon, with a thin margin of 2,504 votes in his debut poll.

Tewari, outgoing MP from Anandpur Sahib, polled 2,16,657 votes against 2,14,153 by Tandon. Tewari's vote percentage was 48.30 compared to Tandon's 47.74. — TNS



Engineer Abdul Rashid

In J&K, 2 ex-CMs lose, jailed leader Rashid wins

OUR CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, JUNE 4 In an interesting turn of events on Tuesday, two former Chief Ministers, including National Conference's Omar Abdullah and PDP's Mehbooba Mufti, lost from the Baramulla and Anantnag Lok Sabha seats, respectively.

BJP's Jitendra, Jugal score hat-tricks

Omar was defeated by Engineer Abdul Rashid, a J&K leader who is in a jail on the charges of alleged terror financing. He contested as an Independent candidate. On the other hand, NC nominee Mian Altaf triumphed over Mehbooba. Another NC candidate Aga Syed Ruhullah won from the Srinagar seat.

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Haryana cliffhanger: BJP, Cong bag 5 each

INLD, JJP wiped out, several candidates lose deposit | In Karnal, Khattar wins LS seat, Saini bypoll

GEETANJALI GAYATRI
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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4 In an election that went down to the wire, the ruling BJP and a resurgent Congress ended up with five seats each of the 10 Lok Sabha constituencies in Haryana. The two regional parties — the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) and the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) — were decimated and its candidates came a poor third, losing even their security deposits at most seats, in an election that boiled down to a direct contest between the BJP and the Congress.

The Aam Aadmi Party put up a stiff challenge for the BJP from Kurukshetra. It was the only seat it contested as a partner of the INDIA bloc. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini won the Kamal Assembly bypoll with 95,004 votes, defeating Trilochan Singh of the Congress by a margin of 41,540 votes to retain the "CM city" tag for Kamal.

The BJP vote share dropped by nearly 12 per cent to 46.11 per cent, the Congress vote share increased by 15.7 per cent, going up from



Supporters greet Congress candidate Deepender Hooda, who won from Rohtak on Tuesday. PTI

ALL MEMBERS OF CHAUTALA FAMILY DEFEATED

All members of the Chautala clan in the fray faced defeat. BJP's Ranjit Singh Chautala, JJP's Naina Chautala, and INLD's Abhay

Singh Chautala and Sunaina Chautala ended up biting the dust. Some of them even lost their security deposit.

28.42 to 43.67 per cent even though it contested nine seats in the election. Though AAP contested from Kurukshetra only, its vote share increased from 0.36 per cent in 2019 to 3.94 per cent. The

INLD, which contested seven seats, and the JJP, which fielded candidates from all 10 seats, got a vote share of 1.74 per cent and 0.87 per cent, respectively.

BJP's Rao Inderjit Singh

won for the sixth time in a very close contest with actor-turned-politician Raj Babbar by over 75,079 votes while former Chief Minister Bhupinder Hooda's son and Congress candidate from Rohtak,

Deepender Hooda, won with the highest margin of 3,45,298 lakh votes, followed by Kumari Selja who won the Sirsa seat with a margin of 2,68,497 votes. Khattar won the Karnal seat with a margin of 2,32,967 lakh votes.

While BJP leaders blamed anti-incumbency for the setback, they maintained that it had been successfully countered as the party was able to retain five seats. Congress leaders claimed there was a wave in its favour given the lack of jobs, inflation and faulty policies of the BJP.

All members of the Chautala clan in the fray faced defeat. BJP's Ranjit Chautala, JJP's Naina Chautala, and INLD's Abhay Singh Chautala and Sunaina Chautala lost.

It was a double whammy for Ranjit Chautala, an Independent MLA, who joined the BJP ahead of the elections. He had resigned from the Vidhan Sabha and also lost from the Hissar seat. MLA Abhay Chautala, son of ex-CM OP Chautala, MLA Naina Chautala and INLD candidate Sunaina Chautala, daughters-in-law of the Chautala clan, too, fared badly in the election.



Kangana Ranaut after her victory in Mandi. TRIBUNE PHOTO: JAI KUMAR

4/4: PM's charisma works in Himachal

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SHIMLA, JUNE 4

Believing in the motto of "ek vote PM ke liye, ex CM ke liye", the electorate of Himachal today gave a split verdict as the BJP won all four Lok Sabha seats in the state, while the Congress bagged four of the six Assembly bypolls held simultaneously.

The Lok Sabha results are an affirmation of Modi's charisma working yet again in favour of the saffron party in Himachal, which the PM refers to as his second home. Riding high on the Modi wave, Union Minister Anurag Thakur (Hamirpur), actress Kangana Ranaut (Mandi), Suresh Kashyap (Shimla-SC) and Rajiv Bhardwaj (Kangra) won albeit with reduced margins, less than half of the mammoth margins of 2019.

The Congress seems to have been wiped off in the parliamentary elections as it managed to get a lead in only seven of the 68 Assembly segments — Kinnaur, Lahaul-Spiti, Rampur, Rohru, Jubbal-Kotkhai, Anni and Harloi. Even CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu could not stop the Modi magic from working wonders on his home turf of Nadaun, where the BJP managed a lead of 2,143 votes.

While the BJP rejoiced in its Lok Sabha victory, making a clean sweep by winning all four seats, the disappointment of being able to win only two (Dharamsala and Barsar) of the six Assembly

Bypoll solace for Cong as it wins 4 of 6 seats

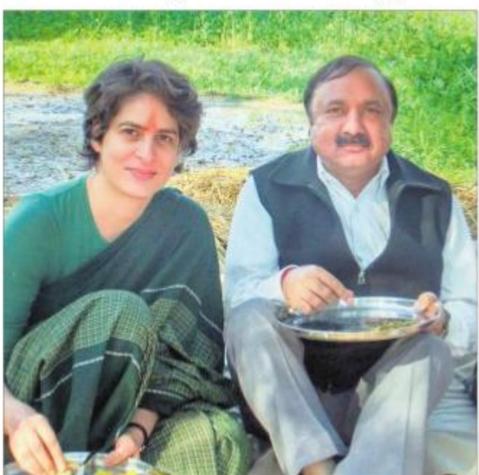
bypolls has overshadowed the jubilation of the parliamentary win.

Although the BJP won all seats like in 2019 and 2014, the win this time is hardly impressive considering that the victory margins have been reduced to almost half over the last parliamentary poll. Congress candidates Ranjit Rana (Sujanpur), Vivek Sharma (Kutlehar), Rakesh Kalra (Gagret) and Anuradha Rana (Lahaul-Spiti) won the bypolls, while from the BJP, Sudhir Sharma (Dharamsala) and ID Lakhnupal (Barsar) emerged victorious.

However, the Assembly bypoll results are a setback for the BJP, which had fielded all six Congress MLAs disqualified from the Assembly. The BJP move to give the ticket to all six Congress turncoats seems to have cost the party dear as only Sudhir Sharma (Dharamsala) and ID Lakhnupal (Barsar) managed to register victory due to their own political stature.

The BJP's dedicated party cadres were demoralised over the decision of the high command to impose the six Congress turncoats on them. Though the BJP managed to placate and take senior BJP leaders along in the campaign, the electorate seems to have rejected party-hoppers in at least four Assembly segments.

Priyanka powers Amethi, sole Gujarat win



ADITI TANDON
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NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

As the Congress retained Gandhi family bastion of Rae Bareilly on Tuesday, reclaimed Amethi from the BJP and breached the saffron fort in Gujarat's Banaskantha for the first time in a decade, the spotlight fell firmly on Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who emerged as the campaigner-in-chief of the grand old party in the 2024 election.

It was Priyanka's call that Rahul Gandhi should contest Rae Bareilly after Sonia Gandhi retired from active politics, choosing to go to the Rajya Sabha instead. The strategic decision to field Congress loyalist Kishori Lal Sharma instead of a Gandhi family

EMERGES CONGRESS' CAMPAIGNER-IN-CHIEF

The 52-year-old AICC general secretary emerged Congress' campaigner-in-chief in the 2024 elections, countering PM Modi's "shehzada" attack on brother Rahul with "shahenshah" counter and PM's "mangalsutra" offensive with "my mother sacrificed her mangalsutra" remark

member in Amethi was also Priyanka's as she sought sweet revenge on Union minister Smriti Irani for defeating her brother Rahul in the segment in 2019.

And revenge she had today as Sharma emerged a giant slayer, defeating Irani with a margin of over 1.67 lakh votes in Amethi.

"Dear Kishori bhaiya, I never had any doubt that you would win Amethi," Priyanka said on X today, posting a nostalgic frame that featured

her and Sharma sharing a meal in an Amethi farm.

As leads across Uttar Pradesh and specifically Amethi and Rae Bareilly (where Rahul won by a margin of over 3.9 lakh votes) emerged spelling the biggest upset for the BJP and the PM today, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor described Priyanka as the party's principal mobiliser who "was there for all candidates".

"I think Priyanka took the right call of not contesting Amethi and Rae Bareilly and

focusing on campaigning for all Congress candidates instead. Everyone benefited from her presence," said Tharoor, who survived an initial scare from Union minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar of the BJP to retain Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram for the fourth time today.

Priyanka had campaigned for Tharoor in the segment as she had for Congress' Imran Masood in UP's Saharanpur which the Congress won and Geniben Thakor in Gujarat's Banaskantha, the only seat the grand old party bagged among Gujarat's 26 on Tuesday. The Gujarat win came after a decade with the party's state leader Shakti Singh Gohil crediting Priyanka for

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CONG WORKERS DANCE TO DRUM BEATS

Rohtak: Congress workers and supporters celebrated Deepender Hooda's victory by distributing sweets and dancing to drum beats. In large numbers, they reached the local residence of Hooda to celebrate. Former CM Bhupinder Hooda said the Congress performance in the Lok Sabha poll is a clear indication that it is going to form the state government by winning the upcoming Assembly elections.

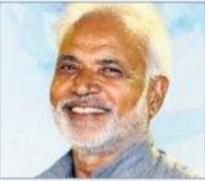
HARYANA DUSHYANT APOLOGISES TO VOTERS

Hisar: Stating that he is proud of people who always vote to strengthen democracy, former Deputy CM and JJP leader Dushyant Chautala, on his social media X post, apologised that JJP did not live up to the expectations of people while being in the government and the House. "I express my gratitude to the people of Haryana who always teach us new things through dialogue and voting," he said.

VICTORY PROCESSION IN SONEPAT

Sonepat: Hundreds of Congress supporters organised a victory procession — from the counting centre to the Congress' main election office in Sonepat city — in an open Jeep after Satpal Brahmachari won here. On the way, the people welcomed Brahmachari at Mayur Vihar, Idgaha and Gohana road. Then, Brahmachari reached Khatu Shyam temple on Rohtak road and Baba Dham temple and offered prayers.

WINNERS

AMBALA (SC)  Varun Chaudhary (Cong) RUNNER-UP: Banto Kataria (BJP)	KURUKSHETRA  Naveen Jindal (BJP) RUNNER-UP: Dr Sushil Gupta (AAP)
SIRSA (SC)  Kumari Selja (Cong) RUNNER-UP: Ashok Tanwar (BJP)	HISAR  Jai Prakash (Cong) RUNNER-UP: Ranjini Singh (BJP)
KARNAL  Manohar Lal Khattar (BJP) RUNNER-UP: Divyanshu Budhiraja (Cong)	SONEPAT  Satpal Brahmachari (Cong) RUNNER-UP: Mohan Lal Badoli (BJP)
ROHTAK  Deepender Singh Hooda (Cong) RUNNER-UP: Dr Arvind K Sharma (BJP)	BHIWANI-MAHENDRAGARH  Dharambir Singh (BJP) RUNNER-UP: Rao Dan Singh (Cong)
GURGAON  Rao Inderjit Singh (BJP) RUNNER-UP: Raj Babbar (Cong)	FARIDABAD  Krishan Pal Gurjar (BJP) RUNNER-UP: Mahender Pratap (Cong)

Hooda bends Modi wave in state

Cong's vote percentage jumped from 28.51 to 43.67 — the highest since 1989

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4 Right from the beginning of the electioneering, it was a trial by fire for former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda as he was to tackle the Modi magic and improve the Congress' seats and vote share to secure the pole position before the Assembly elections slated for September-October.

It was an uphill task as the Congress got nil in the 2019 elections with a vote share of 28.514 per cent. With five parliamentary seats in 2024 and a jump in the seat share by over 15 per cent to 43.67 per cent, Hooda has not only managed to bend the Modi wave with a better strategy, but also served an ace to his rivals within the party.

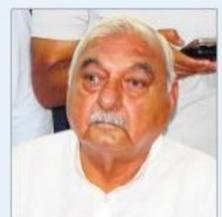
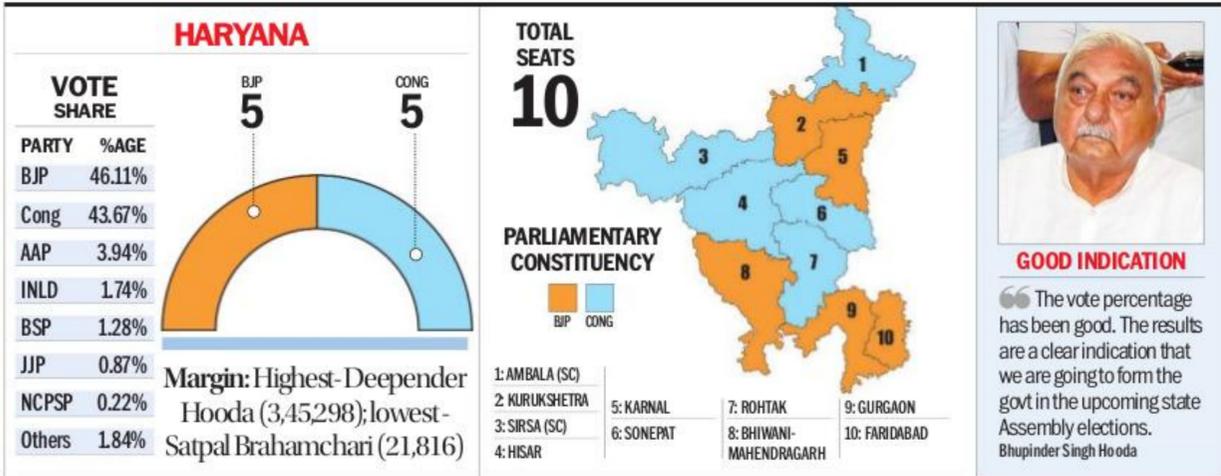
First, Hooda changed all candidates, except his son Deepender from Rohtak, who had lost by a thin margin of over 7,000 votes in 2019. By bargaining hard for tickets for Raj Babbar from Gurugram, Divyanshu Budhiraja from Karnal, Varun Chaudhary from Ambala, Satpal Brahmachari from Sonepat, Rao Dan Singh from Bhiwani-Mahendragarh and Jai Prakash from Hisar; he not only cut his rivals down to size but also balanced the caste equation in each seat.

Second, he perfectly localised the parliamentary elections. For the last four and a half years, his every statement during the press conferences, interviews, and public meetings revolved around hitting at the Khattar government and now, the Saini government. He was hardly critical of Narendra Modi and Amit Shah. When asked why, he astutely answered, "I don't talk about individuals. I only talk about issues." On the other hand, BJP candidates sought votes in the name of PM Modi.

Hooda went to each constituency, exploited anti-incumbency against the state BJP, raised the issue of



Congress candidate Jai Prakash celebrates with his supporters after the Hisar result was declared.



GOOD INDICATION

“The vote percentage has been good. The results are a clear indication that we are going to form the govt in the upcoming state Assembly elections. Bhupinder Singh Hooda

unemployment, 2 lakh vacant jobs in government offices and the Agniveer scheme, and managed to transfer the Jat vote in his candidates' favour. The farmers' agitation propelled the Congress, too. Third, he successfully labelled regional parties such as JJP and INLD — which thrive on Jat votes — as “inconsequential” or “B” teams of the BJP or just “spoilers”.

Result: The Congress' vote share at 43.67 per cent is the highest since 1989 even as the party had contested on nine seats as the Kurukshetra seat was given to the AAP a part of the INDIA bloc. The JJP was reduced to less than 1 per cent votes, and the INLD below 2 per cent. For Hooda, the victory of Jai Prakash, Brahmachari and Chaudhary was crucial as it validated his choices. He can take pride in the fact that the victory margin of Deepender is the highest among all five Congress Lok Sabha MPs as he won by more than 3 lakh votes. Hooda is now not only the tallest leader in the party as his rivals couldn't rock the boat despite the best of their efforts, but is also a strong candidate for the chief ministerial post in the faction-ridden party.

LEADERSPEAK

“It is the people's victory. This a stamp on the works done by former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.”

— NAYAB SINGH SAINI, CHIEF MINISTER

There was a wave in favour of the Congress. We were sure that we would perform better. We are surely forming the government in the state in the upcoming Assembly poll.

— BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA, CONGRESS

We are grateful to the voters of Kurukshetra. The AAP got 5,13,154 votes. The leaders and party workers put in sincere efforts to support INDIA bloc nominees.

— SUSHIL GUPTA, AAP

Fates flip-flopped all day on 3 seats

G'gaon, K'shetra, Sonepat saw nominees oscillate between leading & trailing in every round

GEETANJALI GAYATRI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4 Fluctuating fortunes of candidates through the day proved to be the hallmark of the Lok Sabha elections results which saw a buoyed Congress make significant gains to win five seats while the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) suffered a setback, climbing down from a clean sweep in 2019 to be restricted to five seats. These elections resulted were being considered a prelude to the Assembly elections slated in October this year.

While Deepender Hooda (Rohtak) and Kumari Selja (Sirs) were the big winners, recording victory margins of 3.45 lakh and 2.68 lakh votes from the Congress, former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar was the top vote-getter for the saffron party, winning by a margin of 2.33 lakh.

While Rohtak and Sirsa were being seen as “safe” seats for the Congress, Kamal and Gurgaon were considered “safe” for the BJP when campaigning began. A tough contest was expected in Kurukshetra, Bhiwani-Mahendragarh and Hisar.

However, the close contest between Rao Inderjit and actor-turned-politician and Congress candidate Raj Babbar in Gurgaon; industrialist Naveen Jindal (BJP) and



BJP's Rao Inderjit celebrates with supporters after becoming the only Haryana leader to be a six-time MP.

Sushil Gupta (AAP) in Kurukshetra; and Mohan Lal Badoli (BJP) and Satpal Brahmachari in Sonepat saw the candidates oscillating between leading and trailing with every round. On the other hand, Rohtak, Sirsa and Faridabad saw clear leads.

While the BJP managed to retain the seats of Kurukshetra, Karnal, Gurgaon, Dharambir Singh of the BJP wrested the Bhiwani-Mahendragarh seat from Rao Dan Singh of the Congress, and Krishan Pal Gurjar, scored a hat-trick, defeating Mahender Pratap of the Congress to win the Faridabad seat.

The Congress recorded a win from Rohtak, Sirsa,

Sonepat, Hisar and Ambala where sitting MLA Varun Chaudhry, son of former state Congress chief Phool Chand Mullana and a first-timer, defeated Banto Kataria of the BJP. The BJP, playing the sympathy card, had fielded Kataria. Her husband and sitting MP Rattan Lal Kataria passed away after which the seat had fallen vacant last year.

Though the regional parties, the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) and its splinter group, the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP), had fielded candidates, they failed to make their presence felt in the election, let alone play spoiler for the other candidates.

The results have come as a

shot in the arm for former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda who was given a free hand to decide the Congress candidates from a majority of the nine seats the party contested in Haryana.

Hooda said that farmers' plight through the agitation, the Agniveer scheme's contours, unemployment, deteriorating law and order and inflation were key issues which the ruling BJP failed to address.

Elated with the results, Hooda claimed that the Congress' performance in the Lok Sabha poll in the state would pave the way for a Congress government in the state. The Assembly elections are due in October which has the BJP worried.

Saffron party's vote share dips by 12%

GEETANJALI GAYATRI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4 Ahead of the October Assembly poll, the result of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections does not augur well for the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the state despite the party winning five seats.

Down by an equal number of seats from 2019 when the party made a clean sweep, the BJP won the Karnal, Kurukshetra, Faridabad, Gurgaon and Bhiwani-Mahendragarh seats today, with former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar netting 5,04,123 votes, defeating his rival Congressman Divyanshu Budhiraja by a margin of 2,32,967 votes to record a convincing win. Naveen Jindal won from Kurukshetra, Rao Indrajeet Singh from Gurgaon, Krishan Pal Gurjar from Faridabad and Mohan Lal Badoli from Sonepat.

The BJP had a vote percentage of 58.208 per cent when it won all 10 seats while it stands at 46.11 per cent in the results declared today. The saffron party is down by nearly 12 per cent.

The anti-incumbency against the 10-year rule in the state, the rural distress and the anti-farmer sentiment which resulted in protests in the khap-supported Jat belts, growing unemployment, the

fallout of the Agniveer scheme and the timing of the change of Chief Minister in the state seem to have weighed heavily against the BJP. It seems the party failed to consolidate the non-Jat vote bank and urban population in its favour.

Though the party and its leadership were not expecting a repeat performance since the BJP could only have gone down from the high of 2019, sources in the party said that the leadership got wind of the growing disillusionment on the ground from the multiple surveys it carried out through private agencies.

“We have done better than what we initially expected despite all the talk of anti-incumbency. Though the numbers are down, this mandate will push us to prepare for the Assembly poll in advance,” a senior party leader said.

With the Assembly elections four months away, the BJP will have to pull up its socks and redraw its strategy especially now since a resurgent Congress poses a bigger challenge. In the 2019 Assembly election, the BJP only cobbled together a majority by entering into a post-poll alliance with the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP). The going is likely to be tougher for the BJP this Assembly poll.

Regional outfits record worst performance

DEEPENDER DESVAL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, JUNE 4 This Lok Sabha poll results have spelt doom for the regional parties in Haryana. The two main regional outfits have not only lost their security deposits but put up the worst-ever performance in the electoral history of the state.

The Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) polled just 1.74 per cent (lowest ever), Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) secured just 0.88 per cent and lagged behind the INLD. The JJP had been an

alliance partner with the BJP in Haryana for the past four and a half years and both parties parted ways just before the elections.

The INLD fielded seven candidates in Haryana in this Lok Sabha poll while the JJP named candidates on all 10 Lok Sabha segments. INLD candidate Sandeep Lot Valmiki from Sirsa (reserved) seat polled a maximum 92,453 votes among the INLD candidates. Sirsa is the stronghold of the INLD as it is the native district of the Chautalas.

POLL SNIPPETS

WHEN EVEN CM COULDN'T HELP

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu campaigned tirelessly for Satpal Raizada, but failed to ensure a lead for him even from his own home constituency, Nadaun. No wonder, Raizada, Congress candidate against Anurag Thakur from the Hamirpur seat, did not get a lead even in one of the 17 Assembly segments. To his credit, though, he reduced Anurag's victory margin from the 2019 elections by more than half this time.

HIMACHAL PRADESH

LOOK FOR VAJPAYEE MASK: VIKRAMADITYA TO PM

Vikramaditya Singh feels the Lok Sabha election results will force Prime Minister Narendra Modi to dump his 'my way or the highway' approach. "Now, the Prime Minister will have to throw away his own mask and put on the mask of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He would hardly speak to allies until now but the talks of making someone Deputy Prime Minister has already started," he said.

SILVER LINING FOR CONGRESS

Following the 4-0 debacle, the state Congress is seeking solace in the reduced victory margin of the BJP as compared to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. As per the Congress, it has increased its vote share from 27.53 per cent in 2019 to 41.67 per cent this time, recording an increase of around 14 per cent. The BJP's vote share, it says, has dropped from 69.71 per cent in 2019 to 56.44 per cent.

WINNERS

KANGRA  Rajiv Bhardwaj (BJP) RUNNER-UP: Anand Sharma (Cong)	MANDI  Kangana Ranaut (BJP) RUNNER-UP: Vikramaditya Singh (Cong)
HAMIRPUR  Anurag Thakur (BJP) RUNNER-UP: Satpal Raizada (Cong)	SHIMLA (SC)  Suresh Kashyap (BJP) RUNNER-UP: Vinod Sultanpuri (Cong)

BJP does it again, bags 4 LS seats

Victory comes on the back of Modi's charisma and sentiments over Ram Temple

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 4
The BJP today won all four Lok Sabha seats of Mandi, Shimla, Kangra and Hamirpur in the state, riding on the back of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's charisma and the Hindu sentiments generated due to the construction of the Ram Temple at Ayodhya. The present victory is a repeat of its performance in the 2014 and 2019 elections.

Anurag Thakur (Hamirpur), Kangana Ranaut (Mandi), Suresh Kashyap (Shimla) and Rajiv Bhardwaj (Kangra) were elected MP. Anurag won the Hamirpur seat for the fifth consecutive time. The BJP got a lead of 2,143 votes in Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's home constituency Nadaun in Hamirpur was a testament to Modi's appeal among voters. The BJP led in 61 of the 68 Assembly segments in the state.

The results are a confirmation of the fact that the BJP can win Himachal solely because of Modi's mass appeal as some BJP candidates did not do well on their own home turfs. BJP candidate from the Shimla (SC) Lok Sabha seat Suresh Kashyap could manage a lead of meagre 542 votes from the Pachhad Assembly segment that he had represented twice. As such, it is believed he won the seat solely due to Modi's charisma.

The BJP won all four parliamentary seats comfortably but it was not an impressive victory compared to the 2019 elections when its winning margin in all four constituencies was around four lakh votes, including Kangra where it was 4.77 lakh. Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur beat 'anti-incumbency' and won the Hamirpur seat for the fifth consecutive time. He secured lead in all 17 Assembly segments falling in the Lok Sabha constituency though Hamirpur is the home segment of the Chief Minister.

Public Works Department (PWD) Minister Vikramaditya Singh gave a spirited fight to Kangana Ranaut, who won the Mandi seat with the lowest margin of 74,755 votes out of all four seats.

The issue of the Agnipath scheme seems to have dented the BJP's lead, especially in Hamirpur, where Anurag's victory margin reduced to 1.82 lakh votes from 3.99 lakh votes in the 2019 elections. The Congress' rhetoric of the Centre not extending financial aid to Himachal in tackling the rain disaster last year, too, appears to have influenced the voters.

The conflicting results of the simultaneous Lok Sabha elections and the six Assembly by-elections have clearly demarcated the preferences of the voters. While the BJP got a lead of 23,853 votes in Sujeanpur in the Lok Sabha elections, its candidate Rajinder Rana lost the Assembly bypoll by 2,440 votes. Similarly, in the Gagret and

Kutlehar Assembly segments, the BJP got a lead of 10,944 and 7,819 votes, respectively, in the Hamirpur Lok Sabha poll, but party candidates Chaitanya Sharma and Davinder Bhutto lost the Assembly bypoll by 8,487 and 4,887 votes, respectively.



BJP supporters celebrate the victory of the party candidates in the Lok Sabha elections in Shimla on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: LALIT MOHAN

LEADER SPEAK

“BJP leaders were repeatedly claiming that they would form the government in Himachal on June 4. They should be asked how will they form the government now?”

— SUKHVINDER SUKHU, CHIEF MINISTER

CM Sukhvinder Sukhu has no moral right to continue in power as the BJP got lead in 61 of the 68 Assembly segments. The CM and 10 ministers could not secure lead in their segments.

— RAJEEV BINDAL, BJP STATE PRESIDENT

We fought the elections well, the party workers gave their best. We will look into the reasons why we could not win. Probably, people wanted Modi government at the Centre.

— PRATIBHA SINGH, CONGRESS STATE PRESIDENT

'Aya Ram-Gaya Ram' politics rejected

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 4
The voters in the four of the six Assembly constituencies where bypolls were held have given a clear mandate against the politics of 'Aya Ram-Gaya Ram' with the ruling Congress winning in Sujeanpur in Hamirpur, Gagret and Kutlehar in Una and Lahaul Spiti.

The rebel factor seems to have dented the BJP's vote bank. Dedicated party leaders and workers felt cheated as preference was given to the Congress rebels. "There was resentment and anger among the BJP cadre over the high command giving preference to the Congress turncoats over their own loyal and respected party leaders like Virender Kanwar in Kutlehar in Una," admitted a BJP legislator. However, the state BJP leadership had no say as the Central leadership took a policy decision of fielding all six Congress turncoats.

Though the BJP managed to placate senior BJP leaders, the voters seem to have rejected the turncoats. Disqualified former Congress MLAs Rajinder Rana (Sujeanpur), Devinder Bhutto (Kutlehar), Ravi Thakur (Lahaul-Spiti) and Chaitanya Sharma (Gagret) lost the Assembly by-elections. Four-time Congress MLA Sudhir Sharma and three-time MLA ID

4 DISQUALIFIED MLAs BITE THE DUST

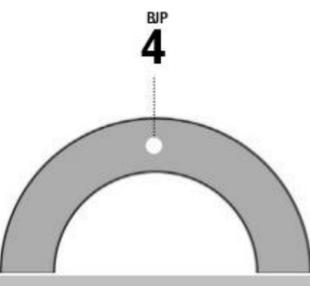
Disqualified former Cong MLAs Rajinder Rana (Sujeanpur), Devinder Bhutto (Kutlehar), Ravi Thakur (Lahaul-Spiti) and Chaitanya Sharma (Gagret) lost the Assembly bypolls, while Congress MLA Sudhir Sharma and ID Lakhnupal sailed through largely on the basis of their own image and rapport with party workers.

Lakhnupal were able to sail through on the basis of their own images and rapport with party workers in both Congress and BJP.

The mandate in four of the six Assembly bypolls could compel the BJP to re-think on opening its doors to all and sundry at the cost of its own party cadre. "This was bound to happen as the Assembly bypolls were nothing short of 'BJP ka congress-sikaran' which the party leadership must reflect on," admitted a senior BJP leader.

The bypoll results are also a rejection of the BJP's move to destabilise a democratically elected Congress government in the state. The foundation for the now failed Operation Lotus was laid when Harsh Mahajan, BJP candidate and a former Congress leader, was able to woo six Congress MLAs to vote in his favour, ensuring the defeat of Abhishek Manu Singhvi.

HIMACHAL PRADESH

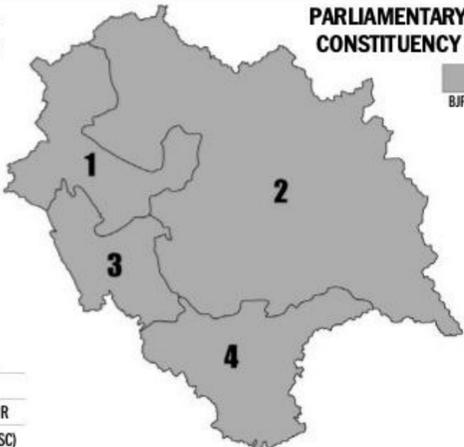


Anurag continues dream run, secures fifth consecutive win from Hamirpur

TOTAL SEATS
4

- 1: KANGRA
- 2: MANDI
- 3: HAMIRPUR
- 4: SHIMLA (SC)

PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY



HAMIRPUR

WINNER: Anurag Thakur (BJP)
Votes polled 6,07,068
Winning margin 1,82,357

MANDI

WINNER: Kangana Ranaut (BJP)
Votes polled 5,37,022
Winning margin 74,755

KANGRA

WINNER: Rajiv Bhardwaj (BJP)
Votes polled 6,32,593
Winning margin 2,51,964

SHIMLA (SC)

WINNER: Suresh Kashyap (BJP)
Votes polled 5,19,748
Winning margin 99,451

Beating 'anti-incumbency', Anurag retains Hamirpur

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SHIMLA, JUNE 4
Union Minister Anurag Thakur today beat anti-incumbency and the adverse impact of the Agnipath scheme to register his fifth consecutive win from the Hamirpur Lok Sabha seat by a margin of 1.82 lakh.

The BJP got a lead in all 17 Assembly segments falling in the Hamirpur seat. However, Anurag's victory margin came down from 3.99 lakh votes in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections to 1.82 lakh votes this time. What is even more creditable is that not only did he win the seat, which is the home district of Chief Minister, but also managed to get a lead of 2,143 votes in Nadaun, the home Assembly seat of Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu.

There were 12 candidates



Anurag Thakur celebrates his victory from Hamirpur with supporters.

contesting from the Hamirpur seat but the direct fight was between Congress candidate Satpal Raizada, former Una MLA, and Anurag. Raizada put up a good fight but could not secure a lead from his own segment of Una where the BJP got a slender lead of 425 votes.

Interestingly, though the BJP lost the Sujeanpur Assembly

bypoll by 2,440 votes, Anurag managed an impressive lead of 23,853 in the segment. Anurag and his father had campaigned for BJP candidate Rajinder Rana in Sujeanpur but animosity between them was no secret. Rana as Congress candidate had defeated Dhumal in the 2017 Assembly bypoll.

BJP wins Kangra 4th time on trot

LALIT MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, JUNE 4
The BJP won the Kangra seat consecutively for the fourth time in the Lok Sabha elections, the results of which were declared today. BJP candidate Rajiv Bhardwaj defeated former Union Minister and Congress candidate Anand Sharma by an impressive margin of 2,51,964 votes. The BJP had won the Kangra seat consecutively in 2009, 2014, 2019 and now.

In the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, BJP candidate Kishan Kapoor had defeated Congress candidate Pawan Kajal by a record margin of 4.77 lakh votes. However, this time, the winning margin reduced to 2,51,964 votes.

The Congress failed to put up even a decent fight though it has 12 sitting

Cong trailed in all 17 Assembly segments

MLAs in the Kangra parliamentary constituency. The Congress trailed in all 17 Assembly constituencies in the parliamentary segment, including 12 constituencies represented by its MLAs.

The Congress had fielded former Union Minister Anand Sharma, who fought a direct election after about four decades this time.

The BJP candidate was contesting his first election. He had remained the Chairman of Kangra Central Cooperative Bank during the last BJP government in Himachal from 2017 to 2022. The Congress had termed Bhardwaj a greenhorn and light weight candidate as compared to Anand Sharma.

Kashyap romps home in Shimla, 2nd time in a row

SUBHASH RAJTA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 4
The BJP won the Shimla parliamentary seat, reserved for the Scheduled Castes, for the fourth time in a row. The BJP's Suresh Kashyap defeated Congress candidate Vinod Sultanpuri by 99,451 votes to register his second consecutive win on the seat. The defeat on this particular seat will hurt the Congress as there are five ministers and three CPS in the government from this constituency. Yet, it failed to win the seat.

Kashyap seems to have sailed to victory on the back of the charisma of Prime Minister Narendra Modi as there was significant anti-incumbency against him in all three districts comprising the Shimla seat. From his home constituency Pachhad, Kashyap could get a lead of just over 500 votes, indicating anti-incumbency against him. In Shimla district as well, there was resentment against Kashyap.

Sultanpuri fared even worse than Kashyap in his home segment of Kasauli. Far from getting a lead as Kasauli that he represents in MLA, Sultanpuri actually conceded a lead of 2,360 votes to Kashyap.

The Congress, however, can draw solace from the fact that Kashyap's victory margin reduced substantially from 3,27,514 votes in 2019 to a little over 90,000 this time.

Jolt to Cong in Mandi, Vikramaditya loses to Kangana

DIPENDER MANTIA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, JUNE 4
In the high-stakes fight on the Mandi parliamentary seat, BJP candidate Kangana Ranaut defeated Congress candidate Vikramaditya Singh by a margin of 74,755 votes today.

It was Kangana's first elec-

tion ever and she humbled the sitting Public Works Department (PWD) Minister, who also contested the Lok Sabha elections for the first time. In the 2021 by-election, Vikramaditya's mother and state Congress president Pratibha Singh had won the Mandi Lok Sabha seat for the third time. Pratibha's hus-

band and six-term former Chief Minister, late Virbhadr Singh, had also been MP from the Mandi seat thrice.

As soon as the Election Commission declared Kangana winner from the Mandi seat, jubilant BJP workers started raising slogans in favour of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Leader of

the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur and her. They burst firecrackers at Sery Manch, where a huge crowd had gathered to welcome Kangana and Jai Ram. Both leaders addressed the gathering and later reached the counting centre at the Sanskriti Sadan to listen to the final election results.



Kangana offered sweets by her mother.

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India's message

Reality check for BJP; Oppn makes big gains

LOUID and clear is the message conveyed by India's voters to Prime Minister Narendra Modi — never take us for granted. The BJP-led NDA has managed to get the better of the INDIA bloc in the 2024 General Election, but its victory was anything but emphatic. The landslide predicted by the exit polls failed to materialise; the ruling alliance's 'abki baar 400 paar' slogan remained just that — a slogan. The BJP's all-out attempts to bulldoze the Opposition into submission largely came a cropper as the Congress-spearheaded bloc put up a spirited fight. And at the end of the day, PM Modi didn't look all that mighty — for a change, he would have to rely heavily on regional satraps like Nitish Kumar and N Chandrababu Naidu to keep his government intact.

The BJP, in its heart of hearts, knew that a few influential allies would come in handy when the going got tough. No wonder Bihar CM Nitish's Janata Dal (United) returned to the NDA fold in January, while the Naidu-led Telugu Desam Party forged a tie-up with the BJP in March. The BJP has done well to upset Biju Janata Dal's appellation in Odisha and made major inroads in the South, but the reversals in Uttar Pradesh have left it shell-shocked. The inauguration of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya was projected by the BJP as the high point of the PM's second term, but even this momentous event did not work wonders for the saffron party in UP, easily India's most important state in political and electoral terms. The Samajwadi Party-Congress combine turned the tables on the BJP with a remarkable performance. The beleaguered grand old party — which was in danger of losing its pre-eminence within INDIA — bounced back with a vengeance to nearly double its 2019 nationwide tally.

The good news for Indian democracy is that the country is in no danger of becoming Opposition-mukt. The BJP is likely to be kept on its toes not only by its allies but also Congress and Co. Socio-economic issues such as unemployment, inflation and growing inequality, which played a significant role in influencing voters' choices, will have to be addressed on priority by the new government.

Shifting sands

A vibrant political mix in the region

BAGGING seven of the 13 Lok Sabha seats in Punjab, the Congress has made a comeback in the state after the debacle in the 2022 Assembly polls, even as the ruling Aam Aadmi Party has managed to win three seats. The overall picture suggests a fragmented yet vibrant polity. The SAD has won just one seat, claimed by Harsimrat Kaur Badal, while the BJP has drawn a blank, even as Punjab's farmers continue to be at loggerheads with the Centre. By electing independent candidates Amritpal Singh (the jailed chief of Waris Punjab De) and Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa (son of an assassin of Indira Gandhi), who have made their presence felt as radicals, voters of Khadoor Sahib and Faridkot have sent out a firm message to the powers that be: it would not brook alleged injustice with the sons of Punjab who have been languishing in jails and that the 1984 anti-Sikh pogrom remains a flashpoint in the absence of closure that can be ensured only by punishing the guilty. The mandate does not necessarily mean that people are backing separatism.

Meanwhile, Haryana has thrown up a mixed outcome, with the Congress clawing back into political prominence by winning half of the 10 LS seats and the ruling BJP settling for the rest, nowhere near the clean sweep of 2019. It reflects anti-incumbency and the BJP's failure to address the burning issues of inflation and joblessness.

Himachal Pradesh has witnessed a saffron sweep as the BJP won all four seats, even as the Congress wrested the Chandigarh seat from the BJP with a slender margin.

ON THIS DAY... 100 YEARS AGO

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Hindu-Muslim tension

THE current issue of *Young India* has a remarkable article from the pen of Mahatma Gandhi. It is a fairly long article, but by no means too long, considering the nature of the subject (Hindu-Muslim tension) and the variety of its aspects. With his great mastery of the art of condensation, it would, indeed, have been strange if the Mahatma had made the article longer than it was necessary to make it. As it is, the prevailing feeling in the mind of the reader when he has gone through the 10 pages of *Young India* is not that the Mahatma has said too much, but that on certain aspects of the problem, which he justly describes as the question of questions, he has said too little. This is particularly so as regards the solution of the problem which the Mahatma offers after discussing it in all or most of its bearings. The impression left on the mind of a careful and unbiased reader of this part of the article is that the advice which the Mahatma gives to the parties concerned is too general and also too meagre, and that on the whole, with all the pains he has taken to lift the problem to a higher plane, he has not been able to bring its solution perceptibly nearer. It is not always, it must be said, that the Mahatma's writings or speeches are open to this precise charge. What, then, is it that makes the article so notable a contribution to our current political literature? The answer, in our opinion, is that it is a patient, highly comprehensive and dispassionate analysis of a very difficult, very complex and very delicate subject.

Modi's grand dream turns sour

His policies and divisive politics have contributed to the Congress' revival

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MARTIN Luther King Jr had a dream. Xi Jinping had a dream. Going into the campaign for this year's Lok Sabha elections, Narendra Modi, too, had a dream. He imagined 400-plus seats for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). This week, the dream went sour. In 2014, Modi's major political contribution was to revive the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). In 2024, his biggest political contribution has been the revival of the Indian National Congress.

Of course, Rahul Gandhi came into his own with his Bharat Jodo Yatra and Mallikarjun Kharge provided mature and wise leadership. But the policies of Modi's second term and the politics of his divisive and low-level electoral campaign played their part in the revival of the Congress' fortunes. Modi launched the 2014 election campaign declaring that he would make India 'Congress-mukt'. At the end of the 2024 polls, the party should thank him for doing his bit in its revival. A younger, youthful and energetic Congress has emerged from a decade of being on the back foot.

Modi is on course to make history with a third term as prime minister. The question is: What would a weaker Modi mean for the stability of a Modi-led NDA government? More importantly, what would an NDA government dependent on allies like N Chandrababu Naidu and Nitish Kumar mean for policy? Modi's 'guarantees' were for a Modi government. Neither



BELOW PAR: The 2024 poll verdict is a wake-up call for Modi and the BJP. PM

Naidu nor Nitish are ideologically inclined towards that agenda, even if the pursuit of power keeps them on Modi's side. But, would it?

June 2024 feels very much like May 2004. Every political analyst and pollster predicted victory for the NDA under the leadership of then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. When the results came in, the stock market took a deep dive. Within hours, a new alliance, the United Progressive Alliance, was cobbled together, and with the outside support of the Left Front, a government was formed under the leadership of Manmohan Singh. Modi is not a Vajpayee, even if Amit Shah is a Pramod Mahajan. Vajpayee stepped back. Will Modi and Shah step back? After all, the election campaign was about 'Modi ki Guarantee'. Is an NDA government willing to honour his guarantees?

The nation has thrust an important duty on Naidu and Nitish. Neither has proved to be a man of integrity or vision. Both have been self-serving and desperate for power. Yet, history has a strange way of demanding heroism from ordinary people. Recall how PV Narasimha Rao was assigned that role by fate and pol-

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itics. On the verge of political retirement, packing his bags to become a *pujari* in a temple, Rao was not only made PM but also tasked with taking decisions that changed the course of the country's destiny. Can Nitish and Naidu play such a role as junior partners of a government dominated and controlled by Modi and Shah? Hardly. They would be kept in check on a daily basis by all the institutions at the command of the PM.

To avoid that danger to their personal and political careers and, more importantly, in the larger interests of the country and its federal structure, the least Naidu and Nitish should demand is that one of them gets the home

ministry and the other gets finance. Surely, the INDIA parties, potentially with Kharge as the PM, may well be willing to give those two portfolios to these two gentlemen. Modi has been a lifelong hard political bargainer. Recall how he took charge of the BJP, wresting it away from Lal Krishna Advani, sidelining Sushma Swaraj and co-opting Arun Jaitley. The question is: Can Naidu and Nitish be as tough when they bargain?

There is a commonplace view within the commentariat that single-party majority governments are better than coalition ones. Facts support the opposite. In many ways, after the first post-Independence decade, the best period for the country in terms of economic development, poverty reduction, employment growth, global profile and domestic social stability was the quarter century from 1991 to 2014. It was a period in which three general, consensual and wise gentlemen became prime ministers of India — Rao, Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh — heading coalition governments. In Rao's case, the Congress itself functioned like a coalition. Vajpayee and Singh headed explicit coalitions. India and Indians did well through their terms

in office. There is no reason to believe that a coalition government headed by another genial gentleman like Kharge would not offer stability as well as sane and sensible policies.

Given Modi's personality, ideology and ambition, he will not leave any stone unturned in his quest for a third term. What kind of a PM he would be heading a coalition remains to be seen. How he behaves and performs will, however, depend on the wisdom and courage of his allies, his senior colleagues and the bureaucracy, which has often crawled when asked to bend. The Modi-Shah regime has weakened and suborned every institution of Indian democracy. Can Naidu and Nitish rein them in?

On his flight from Kanyakumari to New Delhi, Modi wrote an essay, making three key points. First, that henceforth India would only be Bharat. If it is to be made official, it would require a constitutional amendment that he may no longer be able to push through. Second, Modi outlined a new definition of the word 'reform' by suggesting that the country needs reform in 'every aspect of life'. Would a diminished Modi command the nation's regard to be able to provide leadership for that kind of reform? Third, Modi imitated Chinese President Xi by referring to the need for the country to have a 'New Dream'. A decade ago, Xi made much of his 'China Dream' — borrowing the older idea of the 'American Dream'. The American Dream and the China Dream were both about people 'living the good life'. Modi says the country should dream to be *Viksit Bharat*.

India will be *Viksit*, irrespective of who leads the Union Government next. So, even though Modi's dream of 400-plus in the Lok Sabha has not been realised, the nation's dream of becoming a developed country will be realised, over time. As for Modi and the BJP, their dreams have gone sour and disrupted by an electoral wake-up call.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

When the body of the people is possessed of the supreme power, it is called a democracy. — Montesquieu

From Uzbekistan with love

STANLEY CARVALHO

OF late, Indians have been travelling in droves to Uzbekistan, thanks to the proximity of this landlocked country, which is just a two-and-a-half-hour flight from New Delhi. What's more, food and accommodation are cheap there due to its weak currency, and the beautiful country has a rich history. To cap it all, the people are friendly. Uzbeks have special love for Indians.

At Khiva, a city on the old Silk Road, I was trying to take a photograph of a splendid minaret when two women approached me and said: 'Namaskar, India'. Then, they exclaimed: 'Mithun'. When I asked: 'Mithun Chakraborty?', they giggled and crooned: 'Jimmy, Jimmy, Jimmy, aaja aaja aaja...' — a song from his famous film *Disco Dancer*.

Without pausing for breath, they rattled off names of Bollywood stars — Amitabh Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Kareena Kapoor.

Even though part of our communication was lost in translation, I learned how much Uzbeks loved Indians and Bollywood. The women told me that Uzbeks watched a lot of Indian films and recalled how popular Mithun's films had been in the erstwhile Soviet Union. Impressed, I happily posed for a photograph with them before trotting off to find my companions.

At restaurants, parks, streets and malls, locals uninhibitedly began a conversation in fragmented English and asked for selfies. They thanked us with handshakes, hugs or flying kisses. It amused us that we had become celebrities of sorts in this former Soviet republic and felt honoured that Uzbeks expressed so much warmth and love for Indians.

At the crowded Chorsu Bazaar in Tashkent, some vendors, joining their palms, bellowed: 'Hello, dost, Namaste, India'. Others mentioned Taj Mahal, Raj Kapoor, Kajol, Preity Zinta, *Yeh hai Mumbai meri jaan...*

One evening, when we were dining in a restaurant that had once been a caravanserai, it wasn't surprising to hear a musician singing that classic Hindi film song: 'Mera joota hai Japani... Phir bhi dil hai Hindustani...'

A septuagenarian in our group, unfortunately, had a bad fall in a street and was rushed to hospital. She was screaming in pain. While the doctor was attending to her injured wrist, he started singing Hindi film songs. The heart-warming gesture diverted her attention from all the pain.

Last but not least, we saw a statue of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri as well as a school and a street named after him in Tashkent, where he died in 1966, a day after signing the peace treaty that ended the India-Pakistan conflict.

Language can be a barrier to communication at times, but after visiting Uzbekistan, I realised that you don't really need language to communicate. A deep connection is enough to open doors to a conversation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Exit polls got it wrong

Much to everybody's surprise, the Opposition INDIA bloc, despite all the challenges it faced, managed to give a neck-and-neck fight to the BJP-led NDA across the country. The INDI alliance hobbled the NDA's march towards the goal of 400 seats. While it is true that the Opposition lacks a strong leader who can go toe to toe with PM Narendra Modi, the INDIA grouping managed to give the saffron party a tough contest. Notably, the actual election results are far different from what the exit polls had forecast. The results indicate growing discontent among voters with the ruling regime. The parties that would form the government at the Centre must ensure India's holistic development in the years to come through good governance and visionary leadership.

KIRTI WADHAWAN, KANPUR

Cong bucks poll predictions

With reference to the article 'Congress' failure to unite INDIA will cost it dear', the writer rushed to draw a conclusion based on what the exit polls projected. But contrary to the predictions, the grand old party has put up a strong show in the General Election, shattering the perception that the BJP is invincible. The BJP did not win the comfortable majority that it was expected to. The people of the country have sent out a strong message about how they feel about the current state of affairs. The BJP ultimately got the numbers to form the government, but dissatisfaction among voters is obvious.

PREM SINGH, CHANDIGARH

Setback for the BJP

The General Election results are a reminder that exit polls cannot be relied upon. No party, no matter how big, can take the voters or an election for granted. The election results are drastically different from what the pollsters had forecast. The saffron party has fallen short of its target. Though the BJP is not a party that easily makes compromises, it will now need its allies' support to sustain itself. It remains to be seen how it will affect the functioning of the new government.

ANTHONY HENRIQUES, MUMBAI

Lotus fails to bloom in Sikkim

Refer to the editorial 'Mixed bag for BJP'; Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu's victory has established him as a force to reckon with in the state. He has successfully filled the void left by the death of his father, Dorjee Khandu, in 2011. The results raise serious questions about the future of the Congress in the state that it once ruled. In Sikkim, thanks to CM Prem Singh Tamang's image as the Chief Minister of the common man and his pro-poor initiatives, his Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) bagged 31 out of 32 seats. The BJP, which parted ways with the SKM, must be sulking right now as it drew a blank in the state.

BAL GOVIND, NOIDA

Congress' diminishing appeal

Apropos of 'Mixed bag for BJP', the Assembly election results in Arunachal Pradesh reflect the Congress' diminishing appeal in a region where it was once a dominant force. Further, the saffron party's ability to retain power in Arunachal shows that anti-incumbency is not a prevalent sentiment in the border state. The BJP government in Arunachal and the SKM in Sikkim have their work cut out. In view of the ongoing unrest in Myanmar and China's knack for territorial disputes, ensuring stability in these regions should be the state governments' priority. Besides, the fragile ecological balance of the Himalayan states, which are prone to natural disasters like landslides and floods, is a concern that should be addressed as soon as possible.

MONA SINGH, BY MAIL

Convicted felon in the fray

Refer to the article 'Trump's conviction thickens the plot'; a convicted felon, Trump, if re-elected, would be bad news for American democracy. The former President has shown disregard for the law of the land. Despite being found guilty on as many as 34 counts of falsifying business records, he continues to describe the trial as a sham. He has openly cast aspersions on the justice delivery system in his country. The criminalisation of politics in the US is a matter of concern. Nobody breaking the law should be holding public office. It is a disgrace that he is the Republican Party's presumptive presidential candidate.

MD SHARMA, SHIMLA

UP shows the way for a resurgent Opposition



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IN 2004, Uttar Pradesh scripted the downfall of the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government, flattening the trumpeted 'India Shining' slogan crafted by the BJP to reveal the underbelly in the quotidian lives of people coping with hunger and unemployment. Twenty years later, it fell on UP again to rewrite the denouement of a saga whose beginning and middle seemed predestined. Few were ready for the last chapter of the elections that changed course after Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal threw up unexpected outcomes. Together, these states send 170 MPs to the 543-member Lok Sabha.

The Opposition is not about to displace the BJP-led NDA. Narendra Modi will be there as the PM for a third term. But he is likely to preside over a dispensation with a shrunken majority, which will subject him to the checks and balances that a diminished mandate carries, especially if he is held to account for his claim in Parliament of 370

seats for the BJP and 400 for the NDA.

UP has been the BJP's 'karmabhoomi' since 2014. The seeds of its revival were sown in a western town, Muzaffarnagar, in the sugar belt, populated dominantly by the Jats. Muzaffarnagar was scarred by a bloody bout of communal violence in 2013, the likes of which was seen in UP after years. The resulting Hindu-Muslim divide paid dividends to the BJP the state over, but its aftermath persisted in every election thereafter until 2022. Hindus and especially Jats smiled sweetly at visiting journalists, celebrated their 'bhaichara' (brotherhood) with Muslims in poetry, voted the BJP and retrospectively explained their decision as born out of insecurity for Hindus. Muslims were pragmatic and admitted that they had no hope either from politicians or civil society.

Yet, this year, Muzaffarnagar — of all places — turned its back on the BJP, voting out two-time BJP MP Sanjeev Kumar Balyan and voting in Harendra Singh Malik of the Samajwadi Party (SP), accused in these parts of 'appeasing' Muslims. So did Saharanpur, where the BJP had thrived on religious polarisation. It went to the SP's ally, the Congress. A change of heart? Fatigue with communal politics? Why did UP



COMEBACK: The Congress-Samajwadi Party combine upset the BJP appecart in UP. PTI

vote the way it did? Every issue, be it reservation, welfare politics or even a leader's charisma, has a shelf life. So too does the 'communal card' — it can't be overplayed. Muslims have not retaliated against provocations and incitements during the BJP rule. They have remained unprovoked by the BJP's incessant baiting and dares from the Yogi Adityanath government. If they don't react, what's in it for the Hindus to act? Issues of livelihood, especially for the young who used to get swayed by the Bajrang Dal school of proactivism but

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bore the brunt of the economic paralysis following the Covid pandemic, preoccupied the voters.

UP's Opposition, led by the SP's Akhilesh Yadav and the Congress' Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, were reticent about Hindutva and the caste factor. Indeed, while choosing candidates, Akhilesh nominated only five Yadavs from his family lest he was accused of pandering to his caste. If caste figured in their discourse, it was contextualised in the threat to the Constitution and statutory reservation by the BJP which persuaded many Dalits to

abandon the BSP and vote for the SP.

Most of all, it was the subterranean tension between Adityanath and the BJP's central command that beset the UP BJP, fuelled by the speculation that his days as the CM were numbered and he would go the way of Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Vasundhara Raje because Modi allegedly perceived him as a threat to himself.

Will Adityanath become the first casualty of the BJP's reversals? A push-back is not easy because UP is not the only state that turned against the BJP. Would the CMs of Rajasthan and Maharashtra and the feisty Suwendu Adhikari of West Bengal be similarly penalised for the below-par showing in their states?

It is tantalising to speculate if Modi's writ would be allowed to prevail over such matters like before. Bitten more than once — and there are instances to demonstrate that the paterfamilias, the RSS, was overruled when tickets were distributed in these elections — the Sangh will see an opportunity to reassert itself, subtly or proactively, as KS Sudarshan, a former 'sarsanghchalak', did when Vajpayee was the PM.

Of immediate worry to a weaker BJP would be the equation between the Centre and the states

ruled by the party, which Modi recast in the Indira Gandhi template of dumping leaders at will and replacing them with rootless wonders.

The allies, who lay low for the past five years, might get a fresh lease of life, especially N Chandrababu Naidu — who steered Andhra Pradesh and the NDA to victory on his own steam — Nitish Kumar, whose Janata Dal (United) bagged more seats than the BJP in Bihar and even the breakaway Sena and NCP factions in Maharashtra which did the BJP's bidding in the elections and delivered a patchy performance.

The past five years also saw the denigration of institutions, examples of which are too many to be recounted. The Election Commission's conduct of the elections elicited scrutiny and disapprobation from the Opposition and watchdog groups. Yet, there was no accountability of the political executive.

A robust Opposition is just what is required to fill a much-needed vacuum. The INDIA bloc hangs together as a loose coalition which seems to have come into own now. Its ability to function as an effective counterpoint in Parliament and outside will depend on its cohesiveness and willingness to work on a common agenda. Is that too much of an expectation?

Inequality hindering India's march towards a developed nation



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INDIA is certainly going to become the world's third largest economy in the near future, for which the substrate has been created since Independence. The Indian economy has been evolving and transitioning to higher levels of growth and development. The economy grew at an average annual rate of 0.8 to 1 per cent, while the per capita income's (PCI) growth rate ranged from 0.04 per cent to 0.2 per cent between 1900 and 1947. From such a dismal base, the economy transitioned to an annual average growth rate of 4.1 per cent during 1951-64, a great achievement by any stretch of imagination.

A significant departure from the earlier phase (1951-64) was achieved during the 1980s (a growth rate of 5.7 per cent per annum during 1980-89 and 5.2 per cent per annum during 1990-2002). Clearly, the planned development strategy laid down strong foundations and created a formidable substrate for future growth and development. Even the foundations of space and atomic technolo-

gy, about which the current political dispensation boasts so much, were laid down during the Nehruvian era. Nonetheless, ever since the NDA came to power in 2014, it has been mocking the previous governments (except the Vajpayee dispensation) and highlighting its own achievements. Such rhetoric often gives one the impression that it was only after 2014 that the Indian economy started developing. The post-Independence economic history of the country, however, does not support the claim.

Even the growth rate of the gross national income (GNI) and pre-capita income was higher during the 10 years of the UPA rule than in the decade of the NDA reign. The GNI (at 2011-12 prices) increased from Rs 50,43,422 crore in 2003-04 to Rs 96,79,027 crore in 2013-14 and further to Rs 1,54,61,721 crore in 2022-23, according to the Economic Survey 2022-23. The estimated projected GNI for 2023-24 comes out to be Rs 1,63,10,753 crore. Clearly, the GNI increased by 1.92 times in 2013-14 over 2003-04, whereas it rose by 1.69 times in 2023-24 compared to that in 2013-14. The real PCI surged from Rs 42,995 in 2003-04 to Rs 68,572 in 2013-14 (a 1.60-fold increase) and increased to Rs 99,774 (projected) in 2023-24, a 1.46-fold rise over that in 2013-14. In 2022-23, the PCI was Rs 96,522.

The trend growth rate of the



GAP: Unemployment and the quality of employment in the informal/unorganised sector are not being fully captured by the Periodical Labour Force Survey. REUTERS

GNI in the UPA years (2004-14) was 2.7 per cent per annum. It was estimated to be 1.9 per cent per annum during the 10 years of the NDA government. The respective growth rates of the PCI were 1.9 per cent and 1.3 per cent per annum. The trend growth rate is a better measure of comparison than the compound growth rate (CGR) and year-on-year (Y-o-Y) growth rate as it takes into account each year's value while the CGR is based only on the initial year's and end year's values and the Y-o-Y growth rate is only for the preceding and succeeding years.

It is crystal clear that at the macro level, the economy performed significantly better during the UPA's two terms than during the NDA rule,

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even if we take into consideration the economic slowdown during the Covid-19 pandemic. Even the share of development expenditure in the Union budgets of the UPA was slightly higher (47.88 per cent compared to that of the NDA — 47.21 per cent).

The economy got a shock due to the sudden and illogical decision of demonetisation in November 2016, which is visible from the slowdown during the succeeding years. The real growth rate of the GNI declined from 8.3 per cent in 2016-17 to 6.9 per cent in 2017-18 and further to 6.5 per cent in 2018-19, dwindling further to 3.9 per cent in 2019-20. The PCI growth rate dipped from 6.9 per cent in 2016-17 to 5.5 per cent in 2017-18 and further to 5.2 per

cent in 2018-19. It nose-dived to 2.3 per cent in 2019-20 (all post-demonetisation but pre-Covid 19 years). The ever-increasing NPAs of banks and their very low recovery (up to 20 per cent) through a one-time settlement during the NDA rule is also a serious drag on public money and development.

The unemployment rate of 6.1 per cent in 2017-18 was an all-time high in the previous 45 years, as per an NSSO survey. However, it recently registered a downward trend. The Periodical Labour Force Survey (PLFS) on employment and unemployment since 2018-19 is a poor substitute for the NSSO survey. What happened to unemployment and the quality of employment in the informal/unorganised sector is not being fully captured by the PLFS. The work participation rate — especially that of females — has also witnessed a significant decline in recent years. The ruling NDA's tendency of revealing less and concealing more — magnifying its own achievements and disparaging those of the earlier regimes — is also a new public discourse. Even the consumption data for 2017-18 was made public after great hue and cry by academia and civil society.

Private household savings are falling, and their debt burden is on the rise. In 2023, India was 111th out of 125 countries on the global hunger index, with its score of 28.7 indicating a serious hunger level. Paradoxically, it has

been dismissed as an erroneous measure of hunger by the Indian government. And how can appropriate socio-economic policies be formulated and implemented in the absence of vital statistics such as the Census? It all shows that the government is not keen on sharing data with the citizens. Though basic issues like unemployment, hunger and inflation have been raised by the INDIA bloc, the election results show a mixed response from the voters.

However, amid rising income and wealth inequality, the country's latent growth potential and its prospects of becoming a developed and rich economy by 2047 are bound to be adversely impacted. As per the World Bank classification, India is currently a lower-middle-income economy, and according to former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan, it will continue to remain so even in 2047. With a PCI of 10,123 dollars (PPP terms), India currently stands at the 125th place. The GDP of the US and China is, respectively, 7.53 and 5.31 times higher than that of India. The PCI (PPP terms) of the US and China, respectively, is 8.43 and 2.47 times higher than that of India. In view of this, India's goal to be a developed and rich economy by 2047 seems like a distant dream. The new government at the Centre would have to address these challenges.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Cooking instructions (6)
- Quick-witted (6)
- In a pitiful state (7)
- Wrong (5)
- Occur as result (5)
- All together (2,5)
- Have both good and bad effects (3,4,4)
- Liberate (3,4)
- Capital of Tibet (5)
- Enthusiastic (5)
- Boorish (7)
- In recent times (6)
- A steady succession (6)

DOWN

- Beam supporting a roof (6)
- Large army tactical unit (5)
- Byword (7)
- Kingdom (5)
- Deny (7)
- Ornamental tuft of threads (6)
- On earth (5,3,3)
- Extremely tense (7)
- Recklessly speculative (7)
- To an equal extent (2,4)
- Violent damaging action (6)
- Country (5)
- Severe (5)

Yesterday's solution

Across: 1 Flaming, 5 Bring, 8 Cut the mustard, 9 Throb, 10 Indulge, 11 Beauty, 12 Ascend, 15 Abiding, 17 Sit up, 19 An eye for an eye, 20 Tryst, 21 Dynasty.

Down: 1 Facet, 2 Alternatively, 3 Inhibit, 4 Gambit, 5 Based, 6 In all weathers, 7 Godsend, 11 Blatant, 13 Sustain, 14 Age-old, 16 Id est, 18 Piety.

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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CALENDAR

JUNE 5, 2024, WEDNESDAY

- Shaka Samvat 1946
- Jyeshtha Shaka 15
- Jyeshtha Parvishite 23
- Hijari 1445
- Krishna Paksha Tithi 14, up to 7.56 pm
- Sukarna Yoga up to 12.35 am
- Kritika Nakshatra up to 9.16 pm
- Moon in Taurus sign

V. HARD

FORECAST

CITY	WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	42	28		
New Delhi	43	31		
Amritsar	41	26		
Bathinda	43	26		
Jalandhar	40	27		
Ludhiana	41	27		
Bhivani	43	31		
Hisar	44	29		
Sirsa	44	31		
Dharamsala	34	20		
Manali	25	11		
Shimla	27	18		
Srinagar	27	16		
Jammu	41	25		
Kargil	29	11		
Leh	17	06		
Dehradun	35	26		
Mussoorie	25	18		

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POLL SNIPPETS

CHANNI'S MARGIN BIGGER THAN PM'S

Jalandhar: Supporters of former Punjab CM Charanjit Channi were buoyed over the fact that his winning margin was more than that of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi. While Channi won with a huge margin of 1.76 lakh votes, the PM won by 1.52 lakh votes. "We are happy our leader has got even a more decisive mandate than that of the PM," said Amritpal Bhonsle, Congress coordinator in Jalandhar.

BATTLE OF NERVES IN FEROZEPUR

Ferozepur: It became a battle of nerves in Ferozepur as all four main candidates, at some point of time, were leading the contest. However, the Congress finally won by a slender margin of 3,262 votes. The SAD couldn't continue its winning spree in Ferozepur from where it had won for the past six consecutive terms since 1998 and the Congress broke the jinx of losing the LS poll here since 1985.

CONGRESS LEADER'S NEPHEW BOOKED

Abohar: Harman Bagha, a nephew of city Congress president Subhash Bagha, has been booked for defying the Election Commission's guidelines that no person would take a mobile phone to the polling booth or make videos. In a complaint, SDM-cum-Assistant Returning Officer said Harman, a resident of Nai Abadi, went to the polling booth and filmed a video and it was circulated on social media.

WINNERS

GURDASPUR Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa (Cong) RUNNER-UP: Dinesh Singh Babbu (BJP)	AMRITSAR Gurjeet Singh Aujla (Cong) RUNNER-UP: Kuldeep S Dhalwal (AAP)
KHADOOR SAHIB Amritpal Singh (Ind) RUNNER-UP: Kulbir Singh Zira (Cong)	JALANDHAR Charanjit Singh Channi (Cong) RUNNER-UP: Sushil Kumar Rinku (BJP)
HOSHIARPUR Dr Raj Kumar Chabbewal (AAP) RUNNER-UP: Yamini Gomar (Cong)	ANANDPUR SAHIB Mahwinder Singh Kang (AAP) RUNNER-UP: Vijay Inder Singla (Cong)
LUDHIANA Amarinder Singh Warring (Cong) RUNNER-UP: Ravneet Singh Bittu (BJP)	FATEHGARH SAHIB Dr Amar Singh (Cong) RUNNER-UP: Gurpreet Singh GP (AAP)
FARIDKOT Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa (Ind) RUNNER-UP: Karamjit Anmol (AAP)	FEROZEPUR Sher Singh Ghubaya (Cong) RUNNER-UP: Jagdeep S Kaka Brar (AAP)
BATHINDA Harsimrat Kaur Badal (SAD) RUNNER-UP: Gurmeet S Khuddian (AAP)	SANGRUR Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer (AAP) RUNNER-UP: Sukhpal S Khaira (Cong)
PATIALA Dharamvira Gandhi (Cong) RUNNER-UP: Dr Balbir Singh (AAP)	KHUDDIAN NAMESAKE BAGS 3,082 VOTES Bathinda: Punjab Agriculture Minister and AAP candidate from Bathinda Lok Sabha seat Gurmeet Singh Khuddian namesake Gurmeet Singh from Khuddian Gulab village, who contested as an Independent, bagged 3,082 votes in the elections, the results of which were declared on Tuesday.

Cong on revival course in state

Had rejected alliance with AAP in Punjab | Political acumen pays dividend 6 months later

RAJMEET SINGH
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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4 In December last year, the Punjab Congress leadership had its ears to the ground when it rejected an alliance with AAP in Punjab citing political vendetta, despite both parties being part of the INDIA bloc.

Six months down the line, the political intuition of the Punjab Congress leadership has proved accurate as the results of the 2024 parliamentary elections have set the tone for the revival of the party that suffered its worst drubbing in the 2022 Assembly elections. But these celebrations have also brought a sense of solemnity to the faces of Punjab leaders as the state unit, in the wake of their victory, is likely to witness a battle for supremacy.

The party has been able to demolish the citadel of the BJP and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) in Gurdaspur and Ferozepur, respectively. In Ferozepur, the party ended the 40-year spell of SAD dominance; and in Gurdaspur, it ended the BJP's 26-year spell, barring one term of Partap Singh Bajwa in 2009.

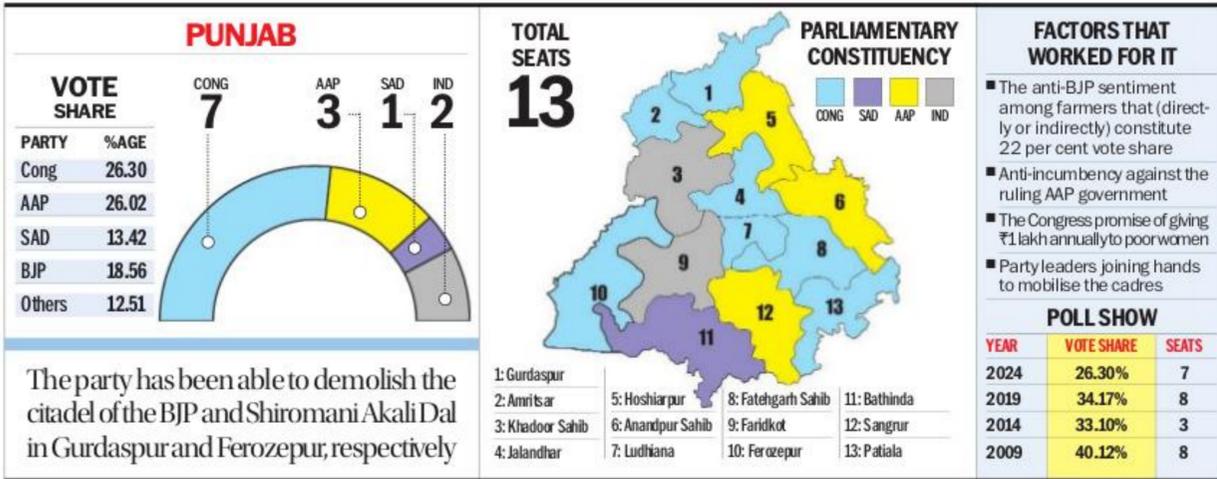
Despite winning an impressive seven seats out of 13, the Congress vote share has dipped to 26.30 per cent, the lowest since 2009, when it got 40.12 per cent votes to win eight seats in a largely direct fight with the SAD-BJP alliance.

In 2014, the party got 33.10 per cent vote share, but could win only three seats in a triangular contest between the Congress, SAD-BJP alliance and AAP. In 2019, the party won eight seats by getting 34.17 per cent votes.

The anti-BJP sentiment among farmers that (directly or indirectly) constitute 22 per cent vote share, long



Leaders and workers of the Congress celebrate victory of Charanjit Channi in Jalandhar on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: SARABJIT SINGH



with anti-incumbency against the ruling AAP government as well as the Congress offering Rs 1 lakh annually to poor women seem to have worked in favour of the grand old party — besides, of course, party

leaders joining hands to mobilise the cadres. Analysing the dip in vote share despite getting seven seats, party strategists point out that the Congress and AAP share the same vote bank. Contesting sep-

arately has helped AAP, but the vote share of the Congress has gone down due to multi-cornered contests. Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa feels the Congress has bounced back in the run-up to the next

Assembly elections. "Only the Congress can counter the BJP in Punjab. Winning eight seats in the 2019 parliament elections, when Capt Amarinder Singh was in the driver's seat, to now winning seven seats, when

the party is positioned as the principal opposition in the Assembly, is a big achievement. Despite being in power, AAP could get only three seats. More setbacks for AAP are in the offing," he said.

Mann's Mission 13-0 defeated, blame game set to begin

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4 Aam Aadmi Party Punjab president and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's prediction of winning all 13 seats during his high-decibel political campaign has proved to be inaccurate. His Mission 13-0 is defeated.

As the party sits down to analyse its performance in the elections, two big questions are being asked: Where will the buck stop? And, who in the party will take the blame for this rather poor show?

With Opposition parties maintaining that this election is a referendum on the AAP government's performance, the party will likely respond by bringing in new faces in the Cabinet and course-correct its governance model, especially in the last-mile delivery of sops and other public-oriented schemes.

Of the five ministers in the electoral arena, only one has managed to win. Of the remaining four, Laljit Bhullar was in third place in Khadoor Sahib while Gurmeet Singh Khuddian, Kuldeep Singh Dhalwal and Dr Balbir Singh were first runners-up. None of the party's three MLAs — Amansher Singh Sherry Kalsi, Ashok Prashar Pappi or Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar —



AAP Lok Sabha candidate from Hoshiarpur Dr Raj Kumar Chabbewal (right) celebrates on Tuesday.

were fielded for the LS polls, has won. Both Amansher Singh and Ashok Prashar lost in their own Assembly segments. Kaka Brar led in his own constituency, but trailed in all other Assembly segments of Ferozepur, making the party vulnerable, especially amid threats by the BJP top brass, saying the AAP government in Punjab will fall after the results are announced.

Sources in the party say the campaign was entirely run by CM Mann with help from party Rajya Sabha MP Sandeep Pathak, while all ministers were asked to remain in their respective constituencies to ensure size-

able leads from there. It is learnt the CM is unhappy with the "lack of enthusiasm shown by his Cabinet colleagues during the campaign", while the ministers maintain that the campaign strategy and the choice of candidates were neither discussed with them, nor were they asked to campaign in constituencies other than their own. Nor was any of their photos used anywhere in the campaign.

The only solace for AAP is that they have wrested back their "political capital of Sangrur" with a thumping majority of 1.72 lakh votes, besides winning Anandpur Sahib

and Hoshiarpur: Sports Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer, with the support of CM Bhagwant Mann and ministers Harpal Cheema and Aman Arora, took the lead of over 1.72 lakh votes; Dr Raj Kumar Chabbewal, the candidate just left the Congress, took the lead of almost 44,000 votes and Anandpur Sahib candidate Malvinder Singh Kang won by a narrow margin of over 11,000 votes. The party stood second in six constituencies of Amritsar, Patiala, Faridkot, Bathinda, Ferozepur and Fatehgarh Sahib. The party has won just three of the Lok Sabha seats.

Just one seat in kitty, big jolt for Akalis

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4 The Shiromani Akali Dal's (SAD) hopes of bouncing back in Punjab politics have been shattered as they have won only one out of the 13 Lok Sabha seats in the state.

Harsimrat Kaur Badal, wife of SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal, secured the Bathinda seat for the fourth consecutive time. However, her victory was hardly able to arrest the downward journey of the party that began in the 2017 assembly elections when it lost to the Congress.

"Harsimrat's victory means the Badal family has done well; however, the SAD's performance was poor," said historian and noted journalist Jagtar Singh, an expert on Akali politics. He pointed out that the BJP had a higher vote share than the Akalis, 18.56 per cent compared to SAD's 13.42 per

cent, even though the BJP did not win a seat. In 2019, the SAD-BJP alliance had won 4 seats, in which each party secured two seats each. The Akalis secured a 27.76 per cent vote share. In the 2022 assembly elections, the Akalis contested in alliance with the BSP, but both were able to bag only 3 out of 17 seats.

Party president Sukhbir Singh Badal led the election campaign this time on his own, since the April 2023 death of his father and five-time CM, Parkash Singh Badal. Sukhbir seemed to have made a good beginning when he brought back rebel senior leaders such as Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa and Jagir Kaur back into the party's fold just before the elections. However, he shouldered the Dhindsas for the Sangrur ticket, choosing Iqbal Singh Jhunda over Dhindsa, who came in fifth in the elections.



Down but not out, BJP vote share goes up

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4 Though the BJP could not win any seat in Punjab, still it seems to have arrived on the state's political scene by bagging third-highest vote share behind the Congress and AAP.

By getting three times more votes than the 2022 Assembly poll, the party insiders feel that the "trial run" of the Lok Sabha elections has been successful. As the party's vote share stands at 18.56 per cent, higher than its ally-turned-rival SAD, the BJP is in a position to contest

the 2027 Vidhan Sabha poll on its own.

The BJP, however, would rue its inability to get support of the farming community.

The increased vote share was possible due to the RSS, which especially targeted Mazhabi Sikhs in rural areas. The BJP sought votes in the name of Ram Temple and nationalism in urban areas.

The rural-urban divide in the votes polled was witnessed in Bathinda seat. Of 1,10,255 votes polled by the party, nearly 50 per cent were from urban areas, including Bathinda (City) and Mansa.

POLL SNIPPETS

RANDHAWA'S PATIENCE PAYS OFF

Gurdaspur: Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa was ready to go to the counting centre early in the morning from his native Dharowali village. However, someone advised him to exercise restraint and he waited till he got a lead of 15,000 votes. When he reached the venue, his followers started dancing to the beats of drum. His patience paid off as his lead had increased to over 50,000 by then.

7 INDEPENDENTS GET UNDER 1,000 VOTES

Amritsar: Among the 30 contenders who were in the fray for the Amritsar Parliamentary seat, seven Independents couldn't cross the mark of 1,000 votes. One Independent, Dilbagh Singh, has got the lowest votes at 391 while Neelam got 409, Prithivi Pal 434, Gagandeep 610, Ramesh Kumar 652, Gurpreet Singh Rattan 738, Balwinder Singh 857 and Rajinder Kumar Sharma 900.

3 LEADERS GET DISLODGED IN JALANDHAR

Jalandhar: The polls have marred the career of at least three big leaders from Jalandhar. Phillaur Congress MLA Vikramjit Chaudhary, who was suspended for turning rebel against Channi, is in crossroads after the latter's win. Likewise, Jalandhar West MLA Sheetal Angural will find it difficult to get back into political scene again. Also, former Congress MP MS Kaypee, who contested against Channi, lost his security deposit.

LEADER SPEAK

“We respect people's verdict for the Lok Sabha elections... public service and development works will continue.. Aabad Raho Zindabad Raho.

BHAGWANT MANN, CM AND AAP PUNJAB CHIEF

I will always remain indebted to people for reposing faith in me. Not just for five years, I will remember this love, affection and trust you have reposed in me all through.

AMRINDER SINGH RAJA WARRING

One had satta (power). The others had money and used religion as poll plank. I only had clean image and the common man's support. I express my gratitude to people of Patiala.

DR DHARAMVIRA GANDHI

Taught a lesson to BJP, say farmers

Party draws a blank in Punjab, suffers major setback in Haryana & Uttar Pradesh

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4 The “expose, oppose and punish BJP” strategy adopted by the farmers has ensured a drubbing for the party in Punjab, besides electoral setbacks in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. Celebrating the electoral losses of the BJP in Punjab, where the party drew a blank, and in Haryana and UP farmer union leaders say the farmers of the region have neither forgotten the atrocities committed on them during their year-long protest in 2020-21, nor forgiven them. This is why the BJP scored a duck in Punjab, lost five seats to the Congress in Haryana and nearly 28 seats in Uttar Pradesh. “We have managed to teach them a lesson,” they say.

Talking to *The Tribune*, Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) leader Balbir Singh Rajewal said the BJP should learn a lesson from its poor showing in the heartland of the farmers' struggle. “It is fair and square. They did not let us enter Delhi, we opposed their entry in our villages and told farmers not to vote for them,” he said. He added that the SKM would finalise its strategy for the next course of struggle over the next few days.

Rajewal was referring to the relentless opposition shown by farmer unions in Punjab and Haryana against BJP candidates in recent months in the run up to the election. BJP candidates were not allowed to enter villages, they were shown black flags and farmers confronted them with questions about unfulfilled promises on the legal guarantee on MSP and debt waiver.



Farmers block railway tracks protesting against non-acceptance of their demand on MSP and loan waiver. FILE PHOTO

IT'S FAIR AND SQUARE

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PEOPLE HAVE REJECTED THEM

“The way they treated farmers, people have rejected them... We are non-political, but are fighting for the farmers, especially for the families of 770 farmers who died during the farmers' struggle. Jagjit Singh Dallewal, SKM (NON-POLITICAL) LEADER

Social media played key role in shaping voter behaviour

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PATIALA/JALANDHAR, JUNE 4 The online content creators were having a field day for the past almost two months, generating political satires during the charged-up atmosphere due to the Lok Sabha elections.

From cartoons ridiculing the Badal family for the decimation of the Shiromani Akali Dal to clips of all AAP leaders, including CM Bhagwant Mann and former CM Charanjit Singh Channi, for their inadvertent slip of tongue, etc., the Punjabis were kept thoroughly entertained with political masala.

This election also underlined the complex role of social media in shaping voter behaviour, revealing a pronounced urban-rural divide. Platforms like Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, X and YouTube wielded considerable influence in certain segments.

Throughout the election campaign, candidates of various political parties maintained a noticeable presence on social media, engaging with supporters and sharing updates via reels, videos, posts etc. However, on the day of the election results, there was a notable decrease in activity on their social media pages. While supporters continued to share updates and express their loyalty by tagging the candidates, the candidates themselves remained relatively silent until the final results were announced.

In urban areas, social media campaigns managed to polarise voters effectively. The predominantly urban population voted for the BJP, driven by targeted campaigns focusing on issues such as free electricity and the Ram Temple. The Congress and AAP also capitalised on this digital trend,

ENGAGING WITH SUPPORTERS

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successfully swaying urban voters who are more engaged on these platforms.

Conversely, rural constituencies like Khadoor Sahib and Faridkot saw a different trend. Here, Sikh hardliners dominated the voting pattern, with social media campaigns benefiting radical leaders such as pro-Khalistan activist Amritpal Singh and Sarabjit Singh Khalsa. Their social media presence turned them into significant figures, resonating with rural voters.

Farmer leader from Haryana Tejveer Singh said, “Punjab politics is social media driven, while people in Haryana discuss issues at common places. In Punjab, politicians are projected as superheroes on social media.”

Professor Pankaj Mohindru of Punjabi University, Patiala, remarked that despite robust social media campaign, voters in Punjab rejected turnout leaders who switched allegiance at the last moment, including Ravneet Bittu, Sushil Kumar Rinku and Preneet Kaur. “People of Punjab have taught a lesson to such leaders,” he said.

Writer and columnist Vinayak Dutt said, “Social media also played a major role in elevating figures like Sarabjit Singh Khalsa and Amritpal Singh to significant political positions.”



CM Bhagwant Mann and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal with Dera Ballan chief Sant Niranjn Dass. FILE

Dera factor worked for Cong, but not for BJP

DEEPAKAMAL KAUR/
SUKHMEET BHASIN
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JALANDHAR/BATHINDA, JUNE 4 The votes from three big deras of the region seemed to have worked well for the Congress in Jalandhar but not for the BJP in Bathinda.

Former CM Charanjit Singh Channi contested from Jalandhar only after receiving blessings from the Dera Sachkhand Ballan here.

Channi's association with the dera is well-pronounced since the days he became the CM for 11 days at the flag-end of the Congress tenure in 2022. The dera, led by Sant Niranjn Dass, had organised a huge gathering for him and hymn “Gareeb niwaj gusain mera, mathe chhatra dhare” was played in his honour. At the venue, Channi had handed over a cheque of Rs 25 crore to the dera and made a big announcement of setting up a research centre there in the name of Guru Ravidas.

Of the 16.5 lakh voters from Jalandhar, there are nearly 5 lakh voters from the Adidharam, Ravidassia or Ramdassia community, who are all fol-

lowers of this dera. As the dera had recently organised the 15th death anniversary of Sant Ramanand, who was gunned down in Vienna, all Jalandhar candidates had attended the event but Channi had got a special treatment. This was an indication to the devotees present there and videos of it had gone viral in the community.

A Congress MLA said, “The fact that Channi won from all four SC segments of Jalandhar — Phillaur, Adampur, Kartarpur and Jalandhar West — is enough to indicate that the dera factor worked here.”

Even though all candidates had also made a beeline to the Dera Radha Soami Satsang Beas and had got themselves clicked with its head Gurinder Singh, the effect of the same could not be somehow known. SAD candidate MS Kaypee is the most frequent visitor to the dera and is known for his closeness there, but he could get only 67,911 votes.

The dera factor fizzled out in Bathinda, where Dera Sacha Sauda is said to have considerable influence on the Bathinda Lok Sabha seat.

wala, vice-president of the Kirti Kisan Union, who was also detained at several protests but later let off, said Punjab farmers had rejected the attempted spread of the “fascist and communal regime” which downright ignored the

hard-earned peace earned by Punjab's villagers after two decades of militancy.

The SKM (Non-Political) farmers union led by Jagjit Singh Dallewal, which is spearheading a renewed farmers' protest and reor-

ganising them at Sangrur's Khanauri border, is also holding a meeting with its constituent unions to decide on how to proceed with the build-up of angry farmers.

“The way they treated farmers, people have rejected

them in the three farmer-dominated states. We are non-political, but are fighting only for the farmers, especially for the families of 770 farmers who died during the farmers' struggle in 2020-21 and since February this year,” he said.

Most party-hoppers didn't have last laugh in state

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4 In Punjab, party hoppers — colloquially known as ‘Fasli Bater’ or ‘Dal Badlu’ — did not have the last laugh in the parliamentary elections, the results of which were declared today.

Riding on factors such as caste dynamics, religion and region, a majority of the turncoats labelled as ‘political opportunists’ by their parent parties, have been given thumbs down by the voters.

There are a few exceptions such as Dharamvira Gandhi, Congress candidate from Patiala, and AAP's Hoshiarpur candidate Dr Raj Kumar Chabbewal, who managed to win owing to constituency-specific dynamics and their personal vote bank.

As many as eight politicians, including three sitting MPs, shifted their allegiance to the new parties in the past two months to ensure that they get ticket from the seat of their choice. Fighting solo after parting ways with the SAD, the BJP had fielded the highest number of eight turncoats, followed by six by the Congress, five by the AAP and two by the SAD.

Analysts say Dr Gandhi, a former MP owing to his personal rapport with the voters and no political baggage, has ridden over the party-hopper tag. Similarly, Dr Raj Kumar Chabbewal, a two-time MLA from Chabbewal, also rode on his personal rapport as compared to Congress candidate Yamini Gomar, who left the AAP to join the Congress in 2016.

An interesting example of



BJP's Preneet Kaur with her family; and (below) Ravneet Bittu. FILE



turncoats being rejected include outgoing MP Sushil Rinku, who left the Congress to join the AAP and then finally shifted to the BJP to contest from Jalandhar. On similar lines, despite riding on the political legacy of her husband and two-time CM Capt Amarinder Singh, coupled with Hindu vote consolidation, four-time MP and BJP candidate from Patiala Preneet Kaur did not get through.

Other prominent turncoats who could not win include Sushil Kumar Rinku (Jalandhar), Ravneet

Singh Bittu (Ludhiana), Mohinder Singh Kaypee (Jalandhar), former MLAs Pawan Kumar Tinu (Jalandhar), Gurpreet Singh GP (Fatehgarh Sahib), BJP's Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi from Ferozepur, Congress's Jeet Mohinder Singh Sidhu (Bathinda), SAD's Anil Joshi (Amritsar), BJP's Manjeet Singh Manna Mianwind (Khadoor Sahib), Congress's Yamini Gomar (Hoshiarpur), Congress's Amarjit Kaur Sahoke (Faridkot), and BJP's Gejja Ram Valmiki (Fatehgarh Sahib).

POLL TOLL



The BJP office wears a deserted look in Ludhiana on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: HIMANSHU MAHAJAN

NO SAD OPPONENT HAS WON FROM MAJITHA

Amritsar: SAD's bastion Majitha is the only segment in Amritsar which could never be conquered by any opponent. The fact was witnessed since the SAD's former minister Bikram Singh Majitha came into politics. In the current polls, SAD candidate Anil Joshi grabbed 40,981 votes, distant followed by AAP's Kuldeep Singh Dhalwal who polled 28,530 votes, Congress's GS Aujla 16,505 and BJP's Taranjit Singh Sandhu 8,056.

GHUBAYA WINS BY LOWEST MARGIN IN STATE

Ferozepur: The lowest winning margin in Punjab was on the Ferozepur seat, where Sher Singh Ghubaya of the Congress defeated AAP's Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar by 3,242 votes. The highest margin was in Khadoor Sahib, where Independent Amritpal Singh won by a margin of 1,97,120 votes, defeating Kulbir Singh Zira of the Congress.

AMETHI WINNER'S MALERKOTLA CONNECTION

Malerkotla: The newest MP from Amethi, Kishori Lal Sharma, has made history by defeating Smriti Irani with a greater margin than that of PM Narendra Modi. He is the son of late Amar Chand Sharma and his wife Sita Devi. He won by a margin of 1,67,196 votes. Sharma's kin in Malerkotla celebrated his victory in front of the bakery where he used to help his father after school.

POLL
SNIPPETS

LEADER SPEAK

"I want to thank my party workers who worked hard day and night. This victory belongs to the people of Bathinda, who gave me an opportunity to serve them

— HARSIMRAT BADAL, SAD

I would like to thank all BJP workers and leaders who worked hard for my campaign. My thanks to all voters in the Patiala Lok Sabha constituency who voted for me.

— PRENEET KAUR, BJP

Only the Congress can counter the BJP in Punjab. Winning eight seats in the 2019 poll to now winning seven seats, when the party is positioned as the principal opposition in the Assembly, is a big achievement.

— PARTAP BAJWA, CONG

Harsimrat wins record 4th term

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BATHINDA, JUNE 4
Former Union Minister and SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal's wife, Harsimrat Kaur Badal, won for a record fourth term from the Bathinda Lok Sabha with a margin of 50,000 votes today.

As per the data of the Election Commission, SAD candidate Harsimrat Badal fetched 3,75,019 votes, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate Gurmeet Singh Khuddian secured 3,25,019 votes, the Congress candidate Jeetmohinder Singh Sidhu remained a distant third with 2,00,859 votes, the BJP remained in the fourth spot with 1,10,255 votes, and Lakha Sidhana, who contested with SAD Amritsar's support, got 84,222 votes.

Harsimrat Badal led the Lambi assembly segment with a margin of 23,264 votes, which was the home Assembly segment of five-time CM and Harsimrat's father-in-law, the late Parkash Singh Badal.

In the Lambi assembly segment, Harsimrat polled 54,337 votes, AAP's Khuddian got 31,073 votes, Congress polled 17,371 votes, and the BJP got 6,416 votes.

Harsimrat Badal led the Bhucho Mandi assembly segment with a margin of 14,739 votes. Harsimrat fetched 46,863 votes, AAP 32,124, Congress 22,154, and the BJP got 10,216 votes.

In the Tahwandi Sabo assembly segment, Harsimrat led by 3,283 votes. She secured 34,045 votes, followed by the AAP with 30,762, Congress with 22,631, and the BJP 6,694.

Harsimrat led the Bathinda Rural assembly segment with a margin of 10,875 votes, followed by the AAP with 30,548 votes, the Congress 18,201 votes, and the BJP 6,651 votes. She also led the Budhlada assembly segment with 7,194 votes.

In Bathinda urban, the BJP remained in the first spot with 36,287 votes, followed by SAD with 35,769, AAP with 32,780, and Congress with 30,420 votes.

Channi emerges tallest Dalit leader

Cong makes big comeback on Jalandhar reserved seat

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JALANDHAR, JUNE 4
The Congress has made a huge comeback from Jalandhar (reserved) Lok Sabha seat, with former Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Channi winning with a thumping margin of 1,75,993 votes.

By polling 3,90,053 votes from the Dalit heartland of Jalandhar, Channi has once again emerged as the tallest Dalit leader in the state. Building his campaign on being a 'saviour of the Indian Constitution', he brought the Congress back to power on the seat which it had held for 24 years till the May 2023 bypoll. Channi has won the seat again, with the city rejecting the AAP candidate, relegating him to third position with 2,08,889 votes.

Channi also brought the curtains down on the legacy of Jalandhar's Chaudhary family. Since the demise of two-time MP Santokh S Chaudhary, his widow Karamjit Chaudhary had contested from here last year but had lost to the AAP.

Getting the support of a huge chunk of followers from Dera Sachkhand Bal-



Congress candidate Charanjit Singh Channi celebrates with his wife in Jalandhar. MALIKIAT SINGH

lan, Channi is learnt to have found favour not just with the Ravidassia community but also with urban Sikhs, farmers and government employees. He was the only turbaned candidate from among all Ravidassia candidates in Jalandhar.

A section of Valmiki voters in certain pockets, however, voted for the BJP, which had

fielded three candidates from the Valmiki/Mazhabi Sikh community in Faridkot, Fatehgarh Sahib and Khadoor Sahib.

Channi lost in two urban segments out of nine in Jalandhar, which were won by BJP candidate Sushil Rinku because of the consolidation of the urban Hindu vote consolidation. Rinku trailed

behind Channi in his own home segment Jalandhar West with a margin of 1,557 votes. But he came in second outdoing AAP's Pawan Tinu with 5,171 votes and polling 2,14,060 votes in his favour.

Channi's aggressive campaign against Rinku and Tinu accusing them of being "party hoppers" also helped him have an edge over them.

Cong's stellar show raises Warring's stature



Amrinder Singh Raja Warring is surrounded by supporters during his victory procession. HIMANSHU MAHAJAN

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LUDHIANA, JUNE 4
The victory of the Congress in 7 out of 13 seats has raised the stature of the party's state chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring.

He had come all the way from Bathinda to take on his friend-turned-foe turncoat and three-time sitting MP from Ludhiana, Ravneet Singh Bittu of the BJP, whom he defeated with a convincing margin of over 20,000 votes. He also overcame inner-party criticism which said he had been "tricked by

PCC chief came all the way from Bathinda to take on turncoat Bittu

Congress sharks" to fight this election. Former Youth Congress president Warring, 46, shot to fame in 2012 when he defeated then Finance Minister Manpreet Badal from Gidderbaha, the latter's home constituency.

However, he lost the 2019 Lok Sabha poll to SAD MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal by over 20,000 votes.

Unfazed, Warring bounced

back in the 2022 Assembly poll by retaining his Gidderbaha seat for the third consecutive time, when several bigwigs from both Congress and SAD had bitten the dust at the hands of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which won 92 seats in the House.

This energetic MLA sings songs and dances during his public meetings to strike a chord with the commoners.

Thanking the people of Punjab, especially Ludhiana, the upbeat Warring said the people have reposed their unflinching trust in his party.

People's doctor read Patiala's pulse

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PATIALA, JUNE 4
BJP candidate Preneet Kaur's luxurious home, the Moti Bagh palace wore a deserted look in Patiala today, in sharp contrast to the modest dwelling of Congress winner Dr Dharamvira Gandhi. Also known as the "people's doctor", Gandhi won by a margin of 14,831 votes from AAP's Dr Balbir Singh. He happily waived his consultation fee for migrants, brick-kiln workers and farm labourers who queue up everyday outside his clinic.

Dr Dharamvira said, "I am thankful to each worker. Rallies by Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi helped us to boost our campaign. The state



Dr Dharamvira Gandhi with his family after victory in Patiala on Tuesday. RAJESH SACHAR

leadership, including Partap Singh Bajwa and Raja Warring also deserve credit for win."

Out of nine Assembly segments, Dr Dharamvira led in Ghanaur and Nabha, while

his rival Dr Balbir polled maximum votes in Patiala (Rural), Samaur, Samana and Shutrana. Preneet got most votes in Dera Bassi and Patiala (Urban). Speaking of

his rivals, Dr Dharamvira said, "One had satta (power). The others had money and used religion as the poll plank. I only had clean image and the common man's support."

Son of Indira Gandhi's assassin is now an MP

BALWANT GARG
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FARIDKOT, JUNE 4
Forty years after the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, a son of one of her assassins will enter the country's Parliament as an elected member.

Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa, who won the Faridkot seat with a margin of over 70,000 votes, is the son of Beant Singh, one of the two assassins of Indira Gandhi, who was shot dead on October 31, 1984. He beat singer Hans Raj Hans and Punjab actor Karamjit Anmol.

Nine-year-old sacrifice issues and drug menace were the key poll planks for Sarab-

jeet. "I will raise the sacrifice issue in Parliament and wage a war against drugs in the area," said Sarabjeet Khalsa after winning the election today.

Earlier, he unsuccessfully contested as SAD(A) candidate for the Bathinda LS seat in 2004, followed by an unsuccessful attempt for the Bhadaur Assembly seat in 2007. In 2014, he contested the Fatehgarh Sahib Lok Sabha seat on the BSP ticket, but did not win.

As per his election affidavit, Khalsalives in a rented house. Earlier, he used to run a shop.

Farmer protests at Shambhu led to Preneet's undoing

MOHIT KHANNA
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PATIALA, JUNE 4
Preneet Kaur's inability to properly judge the impact of farmer protests at the Shambhu border or recognise the agitation as having the backing of Punjab's ruling Aam Aadmi Party are the real reasons behind her loss by 16,618 votes to Congress candidate Dharamvira Gandhi from Patiala. The Moti Bagh Palace, which was the hub of power politics in the state during the tenure of her husband and former Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, wore a deserted look today.

It was not easy ride for the 80-year-old former Union Minister from the Congress party, who was forced to battle intense farmer protests since she switched from the Congress to the BJP in March. So much so that she had to abandon her campaign for over two days when a protesting farmer died in Sehri village near Rajpura.

But she fought a splendid fight, considering Amarinder Singh was absent due to an illness in Delhi — he had in the past been a force to be reckoned with. It was PM Modi's rally in Patiala on

May 23 which galvanised her chances. Party insiders said that the PM rally began the tilt of the scales in her favour, leading to jitters in the Opposition. They said Priyanka and Rahul Gandhi soon hot-footed to Patiala, holding two separate rallies "to neutralise the impact of the PM's visit."

According to BJP urban president Sanjiv Sharma Bittu said, "the PM's rally gave Kaur's campaign a much-needed lift a few days before the elections." Moreover, BJP spokesperson Pritpal Singh Baliwal said, the absence of a level playing field was another reason. "It was the first time in almost three decades that the BJP had fielded its candidate from Patiala Lok Sabha constituency, and the party did not have a cadre base in the rural areas. The protesting farmers did not allow us to level the playing field," he said.

So Preneet Kaur decided to approach her campaign differently. Rather than seeking to appease farmers angry with the BJP, Preneet focused on garnering support from farm labourers and Dalits in rural areas, as well as relying on the solid base of Hindu voters in the city as well as in Dera Bassi.

In Khadoor Sahib, Amritpal springs a surprise

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AMRITSAR/TARAN TARN, JUNE 4
Independent candidate and jailed pro-Khalistan leader Amritpal Singh won the Khadoor Sahib parliamentary constituency with a record margin of around two lakh votes, despite being accused of being an "agencies da Banda," or a "man of the intelligence agencies," by Akali Dal leader Sukhbir Badal.

Wins by record margin of 1,97,120 votes

Amritpal defeated his nearest rival, Congress' Kulbir Singh Zira, by 1,97,120 votes while cabinet minister and AAP candidate Laljit Singh Bhullar stood third. The SAD candidate, Virsa Singh Valtaha, had to settle at fourth position.

The 'Waris Punjab De' chief, who was booked under the National Security Act in March 2023, is currently

lodged in Dibrugarh jail, Assam. Amritpal's father Tarsem Singh and mother Balwinder Kaur said, "It is the verdict of the people against the government's high-handedness. Now they should release Amritpal as people have busted the narrative that he is a threat to nation."

Out of 10,43,348 votes polled, Amritpal got 4,04,430 votes.

While Zira secured 2,07,310 votes, Bhullar managed to get 1,94,836 votes. Valtaha polled 86,416 votes, just 43 more from BJP candidate Manjit Singh Manna, who got 86,373 votes.

The 'Waris Punjab De' head managed to bag around 38 per cent vote share. The SAD, which had a vote share of 30 per cent in 2019, had to settle with 8 per cent this time. The Congress' vote share also dropped from 43 per cent to 23 per cent.



Amritpal's mother Balwinder Kaur (right) and Paranjit Kaur Khalsa receive the victory certificate from the Returning Officer on Tuesday.

JAMMU&KASHMIR/LADAKH

With defeat of Omar, Mehbooba, tough road ahead for legacy politics in J&K

National Conference retains Anantnag, Srinagar; Rashid upsets party vice-chief in Baramulla

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, JUNE 4
The defeat of NC vice-president Omar Abdullah from Baramulla and the PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti from Anantnag-Rajouri suggests a significant shift in the politics of Jammu and Kashmir. Although the BJP had aimed to challenge the legacy of both Abdullah and Mufti families, it was the unique circumstances in Kashmir that ultimately led to their defeat.



NC leader Omar Abdullah at his Gupkar residence in Srinagar; and (right) Mian Altaf, who defeated Mehbooba Mufti in Anantnag. ANI/PTI



Mehbooba faced a tough challenge from NC's Mian Altaf in the Anantnag-Rajouri constituency. Despite her vigorous campaign, which was prolonged due to postponed polls, she lacked the party infrastructure enjoyed by the NC. Altaf, who is also a Gujar spiritual leader, got a large number of votes from the Gujar community in Rajouri and Poonch and in Valley's votes of NC, Congress and CPM were transferred to him in three districts (as he was the joint INDIA bloc candidate).

Initially, Mehbooba had desired to be a joint candidate for the INDIA alliance. However, her party was compelled to contest from all three constituencies of Kashmir after the NC refused to concede any seat to the PDP from the INDIA alliance quota in the Valley.

VERDICT AGAINST ARTICLE 370 ABRIGATION

“The people have spoken democratically against the decisions of Aug 5, 2019. It is now my responsibility to take your voice to the Parliament and to the people of the rest of India.”

Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, SRINAGAR ELECT.

Omar Abdullah, although well-equipped with party infrastructure, encountered a formidable wave of sentimental support for Engineer Rashid's 23-year-old son Abrar Rashid, who was campaigning for his jailed father. With his defeat, Omar has to see how he faces this new challenge that has emerged in Kashmir from Engineer Rashid's politics and Mehbooba Mufti has to rethink her comeback strategies.

deter us from our path. Congratulations to Mian sahab for his victory.”
Meanwhile, Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, representing the NC, clinched the Srinagar Lok Sabha seat with an impressive 3,56,866 votes, maintaining a commanding margin of 1,88,416 votes over his opponent, Waheed Para of the PDP, who secured 1,68,450 votes and settled for the second spot.

However, both candidates upheld dignity in both victory and defeat, demonstrating the same level of respect they maintained throughout the lengthy campaign, refraining from engaging in personal attacks. Mehdi described his win against the verdict of August 5, 2019, the day Article 370 was abrogated and J&K state was bifurcated into two Union Territories.

“A big thank you to the people of Srinagar, Pulwama, Gandarbal, Shopian and Budgam for this mandate and faith in me. I am humbled and am aware of the responsibility that this mandate brings with it. You have spoken democratically and spoken against the decisions of Aug 5, 2019. From here on, it is my responsibility to take your voice to the Parliament and to the people of the rest of India. Rest assured, I will represent your sentiments and struggle for the return of our dignity and rights with complete sincerity,” Mehdi said.

PDP candidate Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra said after years of silence, Kashmiris had courageously expressed themselves through their votes for the first time, aiming to break the cycle of silence and reclaim their voice. He extended his congratulations to Ruhullah, Engineer Rashid and Mian Altaf.

In Rashid's win, a clear message to Delhi: Respect Kashmiri sentiment

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, JULY 4
As the counting of votes began on Tuesday morning for the Baramulla Lok Sabha seat, jailed Independent candidate Engineer Rashid took an early lead, leaving former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah trailing.

Omar, dad in running gear and working out at the Royal Springs Golf Course in Srinagar, initially dismissed Rashid's early lead, advising reporters to wait for more rounds of counting. However, as time passed and Rashid's lead continued to grow, Omar ultimately accepted defeat.

“I think it's time to accept the inevitable. Congratulations to Engineer Rashid for his victory in Baramulla,” Omar posted on X in the afternoon, even as counting was still underway. He added that the voters had spoken, and, in a democracy, that was all that mattered.

The NC vice-president added that initially, his fight was against Peoples Conference chairman Sajad Lone, and it was easy to oppose him. “But when Engineer Rashid entered the contest, fighting against him became difficult. The sentiment in his favour was so strong that our mothers and sisters voted for his release, making it a tough fight,” Omar said.



Abrar Rashid, son of Engineer Sheikh Abdul Rashid, celebrates with his family members after his father's win on Tuesday. ANI

VOTERS WILL NOT TOLERATE ILL-TREATMENT

“Kashmiris have decided to respond through their votes. The complete rout of BJP from Kashmir and Ladakh tells that people are fed up with their policies and will not tolerate being mistreated. Naeem Akhtar, PDP LEADER

LADAKH REJECTS BJP AMID 6TH SCHEDULE DEMAND

Rejecting the Congress and BJP candidates, voters have elected NC rebel and Independent candidate Haji Hanifa Jan from the Ladakh Lok Sabha seat

Hanifa, who was vocal for implementation of the Sixth Schedule in Ladakh, won from the seat in the first ever Lok Sabha election held here after the region became a separate UT in 2019

Sajad Kargli, a member of the Kargil Democratic Alliance, said: “Ladakhis have voted against the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of J&K.”

Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). Accused of receiving funds from Pakistan for separatist activities — charges he has denied — Rashid's campaign still managed to shake the political landscape. His victory now introduces a new dimension in Kashmir politics. Abrar Rashid, 23, who extensively campaigned for his father, chanting “jail ka badla vote se, Tihar ka badla vote se,” (Avenge imprisonment with votes, avenge Tihar with votes) is hopeful of the release of his father. He also laid trust on the empowerment of youth. “I believe that if there is anyone who can bring change in society, it is the youth. Other political parties should recognise that Kashmiri youth should not be exploited and must be given dignity, safety and peace,” he said.

In J&K, 2 ex-CMs lose, jailed leader Rashid..

In Ladakh, an NC rebel and Independent candidate, Haji Hanifa Jan, beat Congress' Tsering Namgyal and BJP's Tashi Gyalson despite their intense campaigning in Leh and Kargil districts. Hanifa contested on the promise of raising the issue of implementation of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution in the UT.

In Jammu, both BJP candidates — Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore Sharma — scored hat-tricks, Singh from Udhampur and Sharma from Jammu. These were the first Lok Sabha elections to be held since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 and bifurcation of the erstwhile state of J&K. There are five seats in J&K and one in Ladakh.

Punjab hands 7 to..

Assembly seat in 2007. He then contested the Lok Sabha elections from Fatehgarh Sahib as a candidate of the BSP. Khalsa fought the elections on sacrilege incidents and injustice against Sikhs. Amritpal Singh is currently lodged in Dibrugarh Jail, Assam, under the National Security Act (NSA). The victory does not automatically mean he will be released from custody as demanded by his parents and supporters today. Under the NSA, a person considered dangerous for national security can be detained, without trial, up to 12 months with a provision for extension, subject to fresh evidence against him.

He was detained in April 2023 for sedition, attacking a police station in Ajnala and gathering arms and funds from abroad to wage a war against India. An advisory board under an HC judge reviews the detention after three months. RP Singh, national spokesperson for the BJP, said the victory of the duo was a matter of grave concern as they contested in the name of Khalistan.

It is the first time since 1989 that two radical leaders have been elected. The voters also chose the Congress, which has been accused of being behind Operation Blue Star and anti-Sikh riots. The SGPC (controlled by the SAD) had put up 1,500 banners and hoardings across the state reminding people about the Congress' role in Operation Blue Star and the anti-Sikh riots.

The voters have picked the Congress, which terms itself secular, as well as radical leaders, who have a pro-Khalistan stance, to represent them in Parliament. However, they did not elect any candidate from the Simranjit Singh Mann-led Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar), which has been a votary of Khalistan. The voters had, however, elected Simranjit Singh Mann just two years ago in the Sangrur bypoll. Another paradox is the voters' rejection of the ruling AAP candidates in 10 of the 13 seats. The party that won 92 of the 117 Assembly seats with a resounding vote share of 42.01 per cent could get only three seats in the LS poll.

Two kingmakers: Naidu pledges support to..

Naidu had to spend two months in jail in 2023 over corruption probe by the YSRC government in Andhra Pradesh and was nearly written off in the state. Nitish has often been mocked for his history of serial desertions.

But the TDP with 16 strong leads in Andhra Pradesh and the JD(U) with 12 in Bihar, both hold the key to power at the Centre — evident from the fact both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to the two earlier today.

Overall, as of 10 pm on Tuesday, the NDA had 292 leads—much above the majority in LS and the opposition INDIA partners had 232. To BJP's relief, TDP officially declared this evening that it would stay with the NDA alliance, which had been formed for the welfare of Andhra Pradesh.

JD(U) chief and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar was, however, yet to open his cards amid indications that the opposition bloc was also in touch with him. Congress President

Malikarjun Kharge and former party chief Rahul Gandhi sufficed to say that a decision on whether to stake claim to government formation at the Centre would be taken at a meeting of partners in the capital on Wednesday.

PM Modi, meanwhile, in an evening message to BJP workers and India's voters said the NDA had been “blessed with a historical third term”. Modi signalled clear plans to take over as PM for the third time in a row. While the ruling and the

opposition sides postured, all eyes were on Nitish, who continues to be questioned for his many flip flops.

Importantly, both Nitish and Naidu have played major parts in the era of coalition politics in the 1990s. In 1996 at the time of a fractured national mandate, Naidu as convener of the United Front, a bloc aligned neither to the BJP nor Congress, was instrumental in the installation of HD Deve Gowda as Prime Minister with outside support of the Congress.

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Priyanka powers Amethi..

her aggressive campaign in favour of Thakor, a two-term Congress MLA who was fighting her first LS poll. “Priyanka ji's rally in Banaskantha happened just few days after PM Narendra Modi's.” Gohil recalled, adding that it was at this rally that Priyanka countered PM's “shehzada” jibe at her brother Rahul with a “shahenshah” swipe.

“He calls my brother shehzada but this shehzada walked 4000 km from Kanyakumari to Kashmir to listen to people's woes. On the other hand, the shahenshah (Modi) lives in palaces, his face always clean, and clothes spotless...” Priyanka said, taking the PM on in his home state.

In another counter to PM's “Congress will steal your mangalsutra” offensive, Priyanka, the party general secretary, evoked her mother Sonia's “sacrifice of her man-

galsutra” for the country. As the Congress posted the best-ever performance in 10 years, party leaders credited Priyanka's measured campaign style and rhetoric for the political edge required by candidates to romp home. She held 108 public meetings across 16 states and UTs over 55 days of the election campaign, and conducted roadshows in Varanasi, PM's segment; Wayanad, her brother's seat in Kerala, UP's Saharanpur and Fatehpur Sikri; Haryana's Sirsa; and Himachal's Solan among other places.

Congress sources are now hopeful she will contest an LS byelection once Rahul vacates one of the two seats he won today — Wayanad and Rae Bareilly. Priyanka had entered active politics on the eve of 2019 General Election and is yet to take the LS plunge.

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(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Ms. Ambika Sharma Civil Judge Jr. Div., Chandigarh M/s Emm Aar Enterprises Versus M/s Odella Packaging Private Limited CNR No. CHCH02-000158-2024 Next Date: 02.07.2024

Publication issued to: 1) M/s Odella Packaging Private Limited, Managing Director 10 Eid Gha Road Jammu 180001, 2) Paninder Singh Khorana, Director M/s Odella Packaging Private Limited 10 Eid Gha Road Jammu 180001, 3) Aryan Saggi, Director M/s Odella Packaging Private Limited 10 Eid Gha Road Jammu 180001, 4) Viren Saggi, Director, M/S Odella Packaging Private Limited 10 Eid Gha Road Jammu 180001, 5) Aman Saggi, Director M/S Odella Packaging Private Limited 10 Eid Gha Road Jammu 180001 2nd address Plot No.- 19, Village Shamboo Road, near Focal Point Rajpura, District Patiala, Punjab 140402 3rd address House No. 231, Sector- 11, Chandigarh.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 02.07.2024 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=chandigarh Dated, this day of 15.05.2024. Sd/- Civil Judge Junior Division, Chandigarh. (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Sachin Yadav Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.), Chandigarh Parveen Kaur Arora @ Neena Vs. General Public Probate Petition CNR No. CHCH02-001813-2024 Next Date:- 21.08.2024

Publication issued to: General Public :- Chandigarh In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 21.08.2024 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=chandigarh Dated, this day of 30.05.2024. Sd/- Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.), Chandigarh CL24021382

JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA Vill. Sandhuan Distt. Ropar Pb. WALK-IN PERSONAL TALK

Online applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the post of PGT Yoga Sk III Teacher in this Vidyalaya on contract basis is invited for the academic year 2024-25. Interested candidates can apply for the said post. The online application can be filled on this Vidyalaya website https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/Ropar/en/home/ up to 10.06.2024 (12.00 Night). The cut of date for the said post is 01.07.2024. The salary and other emoluments will be given as per the NVS rules. The Education qualification, age and other conditions can be seen on the website of the Vidyalaya. After scrutiny of online application the candidates will be informed by mail for personal talk. For any inquiry the candidate can contact this vidyalaya. Eligibility criteria has been given on the Vidyalaya website. Sd/- Principal. DI-3280

ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗਗਨਦੀਪ ਪੁੰਡਰ ਚੰਦ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਰਮਿੰਦਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ, ਜੋ ਇੱਕ ਜਲ ਸੰਚਿਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਬਰੌਡਰ ਜੂਨੀਅਰ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ, ਸਿਰੀ 28.10.2022 ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ਰਕਾਰੀ ਭਿਉਟੀ ਤੋਂ ਅਣ-ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਗੈਰ-ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰ ਚੱਲ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਉਸ ਦੇ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਭਿਉਟੀ ਤੋਂ ਅਣ-ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਗੈਰ-ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰ ਚੱਲ ਰਿਹਾ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਨਿਰਮਾਣ 28.03.2023/28.03.2023 ਸਿਰੀ 28.03.2023 ਸਿਰੀ 28.03.2023 ਸਿਰੀ 28.03.2023 (ਸ਼ਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ) ਨਿਰਮਾਣ 1970 ਦੇ ਡਿਕਟਮ 8 ਅਧੀਨ ਵੱਡੀ ਸ਼ਰਾ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਵੱਡੇ ਸੂਚੀ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਉਹ ਚੌਥੇ ਦੌਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਗਾਏ ਗਏ ਚੌਥੇ ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਜਾਨਤ ਲਈ ਸੂਚੀ ਦੀ ਪਾਲਣਾ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ ਨਹਿਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪੱਛਤਾਲੀਆ ਅਫਸਰ ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਪੱਛਤਾਲੀਆ ਅਫਸਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੱਛਤਾਲੀਆ ਪੱਛਤਾਲ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਟਾ ਕੱਢਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਚੌਥੇ ਦੌਰ ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਭਿਉਟੀ ਤੋਂ ਅਣ-ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਗੈਰ-ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰ ਚੱਲ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਉਸ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਚੌਥੇ ਸੂਚੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਗਾਏ ਗਏ ਚੌਥੇ ਸਿੱਧੇ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਅਫਸਰਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਉਹ ਪੱਛਤਾਲ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨ ਕਰਨ ਉੱਪਰੰਤ ਪੱਛਤਾਲ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਦੀ ਇੱਕ ਕਾਪੀ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਦੇ ਘਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤੇ ਤਾਕ ਵੀਪੀਓ. ਭੁਭਿੰਦਰੀ, ਤਲਿਸਲਿਲ ਸ਼ਰਾਨਪੁਰ ਲੋਧੀ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ (141020) ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਡਾਕ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਦੇ ਪੱਤੇ ਨੰ. 1/806262/2024/3280A-1 ਸਿਰੀ 22.03.2024 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਉਹ ਚੌਥੇ ਪੱਛਤਾਲ ਅਫਸਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਹੱਥ ਲਿਖਤ ਕਰਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਵਾਪਸ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਆਦਮੀ ਇੱਥੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਰਹਿੰਦਾ ਹੈ।

2.0 ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਬੁਰਕਤੀ ਇਨਸਾਫ਼ ਦੇ ਤਰਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੁੱਖ ਰੱਖਦਿਆਂ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗਗਨਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ, ਜੂਨੀਅਰ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਪੱਛਤਾਲ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅੰਦਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਇਨ ਦਾ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਮੁੱਖ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਕਰਵਾਏ, ਜਲ ਸੰਚਿਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਤੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਭਿਉਟੀ ਤੋਂ ਅਣ-ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਗੈਰ-ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰ ਚੱਲ ਰਿਹਾ ਆਪਣੀ ਸ਼ਰਾਈ ਪੱਛਤਾਲ ਕਰਵਾਏ। ਜੇਕਰ ਉਸ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਅਜਿਹਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਤਾਂ ਇਹ ਸ਼ਰਾਫ਼ ਲਿਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਚਾਲੂ ਕੀਤੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੁਕੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਰੱਖਦਾ ਅਤੇ ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਗਲੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਗੁਣ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ 'ਤੇ ਕਰ ਲਈ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਸਹੀ/- ਮੁੱਖ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ/ਹੈੱਡਕੁਆਟਰ, ਜਲ ਸੰਚਿਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ। DPR/Pb/34179

JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, PANDOH, DISTT. MANDI (H.P.) TENDER NOTICE FOR THE SESSION 2024-25

Sealed tenders are invited from manufacturers, wholesale dealers/distributors/reputed firms/parties for Supply of Sweet and Bakery items, Vegetables and fruit, Dry Ration, Office/Student Stationery items, Sports items, Washing & Ironing of Uniform, Building Materials like (Cement, Sand, Bajri etc), Lab Equipment, Rates for White Wash & Painting, AMC for Photostat Machine, Hair cutting, Repair & Maintenance of Aqua Guards, Refilling of Fire Extinguishers and Tuck Shop for students in vidyalaya campus.

The tender form along with Terms and Conditions can be obtained from this office on any working day between 09:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m. w.e.f. 06.6.2024 to 26.06.2024 on payment of Rs. 350/- (Tender form cost). Tender forms can also be downloaded from the Vidyalaya website https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/MANDI/en/home The downloaded tender form can be deposited along with Demand Draft of Rs. 350/- only (non-refundable) as cost of tender form in favour of Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Pandoh, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) payable at Pandoh.

The last date for receipt of duly completed tender form by Registered Post (REPEAT BY REGISTERED POST ONLY) is 26.06.2024 by 04:00 p.m. Tenders received after the last date will not be entertained. Tenders will be opened on 27.06.2024 at 11.00 a.m. in the office of Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Pandoh, Distt. Mandi (H.P.). For more details kindly visit our website https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/MANDI/en/home. Sd/- PRINCIPAL J.N.V. MANDI (H.P.) PHONE:- 01905-282046 DI-3250

Date Extended : 30 June 2024 Department of Social Justice, Empowerment, Welfare of SCs & BCs and Antyodaya (SEWA), Haryana

Expression of Interest (EoI) Department of Social Justice, Empowerment, Welfare of SCs & BCs and Antyodaya (SEWA), Haryana invites Expression of Interest (EoI) from interested NGOs/Voluntary Organizations (VOs)/Trust/Societies/Corporates under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for running of Old Age Homes as per parameters defined in 'Samarth Vriddh SEWA Ashram Scheme' identified Govt. owned buildings given below:-

- 1. Old Age Home, Sector-4, HSVP, Gurugram run by District Red Cross Society.
2. Day Care Centre, Sector 14, HSVP, Back Side of Main Bus Stand, Hisar.
3. Senior Citizen Club, Sector 6, HSVP, Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar.
4. Senior Citizen Club, Sector 20, HSVP, Near Police Station, Sirsa.
5. Day Care Centre, Sector 7, HSVP, Near Police Station, Sonapat.
6. Day Care Centre, Sector 17, HSVP, Near Swami Vivekananda School, Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar.

The interested NGOs/Voluntary Organizations/Trust/Societies/Corporates may submit their detailed proposal in accordance with the scheme through email on Email Id:- sje@hry.nic.in or in sealed envelope in the O/o Directorate, Social Justice and Empowerment, SCO 20-27, Jeevandeep Building, 3rd Floor, Sector-17A, Chandigarh - 160017 by 30.06.2024 instead of 22.04.2024, positively. The detailed 'Samarth Vriddh SEWA Ashram Scheme' document may be accessed on website of the department www.socialjusticehry.gov.in.

Joint Director (Admin) for Director General Social Justice, Empowerment, Welfare of SCs & BCs and Antyodaya (SEWA), Department, Haryana Place : Chandigarh Date : 05.06.2024 PRDH/1104/11/19/2025/2644/31/4

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HARYANA STATE TECHNICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY (HSTES) (Under the aegis of Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Haryana) "Directorate of Technical Education" Bay Nos. C-7, 12, Sector-4, Panchkula, Haryana. Website: hstes.org.in, techadmissionhry.gov.in E-mail: onlinedmissionhelp@gmail.com Toll Free Admission Helpline No. - 1800-137-3735

PUBLIC NOTICE Registration for admission to B.E./B.Tech. courses for the session 2024-25

It is for the information to all the admission seekers & general public that the two Centralized Online Counselings for admission to B.E./B.Tech. Courses in all Govt. University Departments/ Govt. Engineering Colleges and Self-Financing Institutions affiliated with State Universities situated in the State of Haryana for the session 2024-25 will be conducted on the basis of All India Rank of Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) (Main)-2024. The candidates with valid JEE Main Rank may register at www.techadmissionhry.gov.in to participate in these centralized counseling as per the following schedule:

Table with 4 columns: Sr. No., Course Name, Duration, Basis of Admission. Includes B.E./B.Tech. with 4 years duration and All India Rank of Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) (Main)-2024.

** Candidates may also register during online centralized Counselings also. Note: 1. For complete details regarding eligibility, list of institutions, fee structure, counseling schedule, etc., please visit HSTES website for admission brochure available at www.hstes.org.in and www.techadmissionhry.gov.in. 2. The candidates from State of Haryana must provide their Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) ID or Aadhar No. (If applicant does not remember PPP ID) as per the provisions of the "THE HARYANA PARIVAR PEHCHAN ACT, 2021" (refer to https://meraparivar.haryana.gov.in) 3. Candidates are advised to visit HSTES website time to time for the admission related latest information: www.hstes.org.in and www.techadmissionhry.gov.in

PM SHRI SCHOOL JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, MAHIANWALA KALAN, DISTT. FEROZEPUR (PB) — 142047 NOTICE

Online Application for Engagement of Post Graduate Teacher (Subject Yoga) on contractual basis, for the session 2024-25 as per following schedule:-

Table with 3 columns: Sr. No., Particulars, Schedule. Includes Inviting Online Application Form through Google Form (Online Mode Only) at Vidyalaya level, Scrutiny of Application at Vidyalaya level, Intimation to be sent to the Shortlisted Candidates for appearing in the Personal Talk/Interview, Personal Talk/Interview.

Note: Candidates selected in final merit list are just for panel in the respective subject, there will be no claim for contract engagement, based on the final merit list. The details are available on the Vidyalaya website https://www.navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/Ferozepur/en/home/ Sd/- PRINCIPAL DI-3252

NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA SAMITI Ministry of Education (Department of School Education & Literacy) (Govt. of India) (Regional Office)

Bay No. 26-27, SECTOR 31-A, CHANDIGARH - 160030 NOTICE FOR EMPANELMENT/ENGAGEMENT OF SERVICES OF TEACHERS, FEMALE STAFF NURSE, COUNSELLOR (MALE & FEMALE) AND DATA ENTRY OPERATOR PURELY ON CONTRACT BASIS FOR THE SESSION 2024-25

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (residential co-educational school system under Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Govt. of India), invites applications from the eligible candidates for empanelment and engagement of services of teachers (PGTs/TGTs/Misc. Categories of teachers), Female Staff Nurse and Counsellor (Male & Female), purely on contract basis for the academic session 2024-25 in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir (U.T.), Ladakh (U.T.) and Chandigarh (U.T.) and Data Entry Operator purely on Contract basis for Regional Office, Chandigarh.

Applications are invited through online mode only (Through Google Form except Counsellor (Male/Female) Post, no other mode will be entertained), whose link is placed on the website of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Regional Office, Chandigarh i.e. https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/ro/Chandigarh/en/home/index.html. JNVs being residential in nature, makes it mandatory for the Teachers, Female Staff Nurse, Counsellor (Male and Female) (for JNVs) to reside in the Vidyalaya Campus, to attend residential school duties besides their routine duties. Boarding and Lodging would be provided as per the availability in the JNV and as per NVS norms.

The detailed guidelines for the engagement of services of Teachers, Female Staff Nurse, Counsellor (Male & Female) & Data Entry Operator (for RO) purely on contract basis for various posts for the session 2024-25 as applicable are available on RO website as stated above. Only the shortlisted candidates (as per criteria fixed by the Samiti) will be informed for personal interaction on their registered E-mail address. Personal Interaction will be held at the designated centres which will be communicated to the candidates on their registered email id by the concerned venue Principal. Candidates are requested to visit NVS RO Chandigarh Website regularly for any updates.

The schedule for inviting online application forms for the engagement of services of following is given below:

Table with 4 columns: Post, Online Application form starts from, Closing date of Online Application form. Includes PGTs, TGTs, Misc/Creative Teachers and Female Staff Nurse, Counselor & Data Entry Operator.

Sd/- DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DI-3219

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

Table with 6 columns: Sr. No., NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/AUTH, OLD REFERENCE/NIT NO., NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM, WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP/AUTH, NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL. Includes UHBVN tenders for extension of closing and opening dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in PRDH/13/2025/140/26439/31/4

World Environment Day

DAV Institute of Engineering and Technology, Jalandhar

Where Education Meets Environmental Stewardship

As we mark World Environment Day 2024 with the theme "Our Land, Our Future", DAV Institutions reaffirm their commitment to sustainable living and grooming environmental leaders. Established in 1886, the DAV movement has instilled respect for nature through holistic education rooted in Indian values and ethos.

Academic Excellence with Eco-Consciousness

DAVIET epitomizes this vision by fusing academic excellence with eco-consciousness. Accredited A+ by NAAC, DAVIET's innovative pedagogy fosters an unparalleled learning experience, evident in alumni achievements like prestigious fellowships and the highest placement offers of 70 LPA. Their future-focused curricula and cutting-edge facilities nurture industry-ready professionals with a sustainability mindset, equipped to tackle global environmental challenges.

Nurturing Socially-Conscious Leaders

Beyond academics, DAVIET nurtures socially conscious citizens through impactful initiatives. Under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan village adoption program, students work closely with local communities, implementing sustainable solutions for water conservation, waste management, and renewable energy. Their Swachh Bharat internships instill the value of environmental stewardship through hands-on projects, promoting cleanliness and resource efficiency.

A Green Campus

Their 18-acre green campus is a living embodiment of sustainability practices. The rain-water harvesting system con-



Dr. Sanjeev Naval
Principal

serves precious water resources, while its lush landscapes promote biodiversity and create a serene learning environment. Integrated waste management and energy-efficient infrastructure reduce the environmental footprint, aligning with this year's #GenerationRestoration theme. DAVIET actively collaborates with industry partners and NGOs to explore innovative sustainable technologies.

Holistic Development for Balanced Growth

On the sports front, DAVIET's contingents annually win laurels at zonal and national levels, upholding the DAV tradition of facilitating holistic development. Its state-of-the-art sports facilities nurture physical fitness and team spirit, complementing academic and environmental excellence. DAVIET believes in nurturing well-rounded individuals who can lead by example in creating a sustainable future.

An Inspiring Journey Towards Change

With a rich legacy, cutting-edge resources, and a holistic approach, it equips students to drive positive change. "Sow the seeds of a sustainable tomorrow with us this World Environment Day. Together, we can create a greener, more resilient world for generations to come".

DIPLAST

DIPLAST is a well known brand for quality serving for the last more than 50 years. The company is famous for providing world class service to its customers. Most of the products manufactured are ISI marked. The Government is focusing on providing water to every household in villages and infrastructure development is at a fast pace thereby increasing demand for PVC/CPVC/SWR Pipes.

There has been tremendous improvement made by DIPLAST in Water Storage Tanks by increasing the weight of the lid and making screwed lids and new moulds which gives a different look with shining outer surface. Fully insulated Tanks, There is Insulation of almost 3" in between two tanks, which almost ensures no change in water temperature from outside temperature. Although water remains at room temperature in summers, in winters also water temperature is not affected by outside temperature. Thereby, Electricity is saved while heating the water for taking bath etc. They have also developed utility tank with steel inner lining in 60 litres capacity. Additional properties of this tank are that it can be used at high altitude areas where temperature goes below 0°C and water tends to freeze as it has been provided with heater also inside along with insulation.

DIPLAST is providing PVC Conduit pipes at lucrative rates and has achieved 100% utilisation of all machines running to the capacity and plans to increase production by another 30-40% by installing

additional machinery. The packing of the product as well as overall quality has also improved to a great extent.

DIPLAST also specialises in Universal Tanks. These tanks are 1000 litres double tanks with outside of 1500 ltr tank and 2" thick thermocol insulation. These can work as thermos and the water inside will not be affected by outside temperature both during summers and winters. Water inside the tank shall not be affected by present hot weather of 44 degree C. It is also useful in high altitude areas where temperature falls below -30 degrees C. and people barely get water for kitchen and toilet use.

The biggest USP of DIPLAST is their own transport and delivery of material in small quantities also. They have expanded their range of Dustbins and Compost Bins and have been giving complete knowledge through presentations on 'how to make compost at home'. This will help reduce the heaps of garbage collected on the outskirts of each town and also help individual house owners to make own compost for plants.

DIPLAST has made variety of planters and Vertical Plantation Stands, which is suitable for flats & Apartments. DIPLAST has always taken its responsibility towards society sincerely by conducting doing medical camps, Cancer care camps and along with maintaining DIPLAST Chowk for more than 20 years. A Stick has also been developed to pick-up plastic bags from the parks and for the support of elderly population.

Aryans Group of Colleges



Anshu Kataria
Chairman



Prof. Roshan Lal Kataria
Founder

Established in the year 2007, Aryans Group of Colleges has achieved many milestones in the field of Academics, Placements, Innovations, Sports, Cultural activities etc. during the last 17 years. The Group is growing under the leadership of young & dynamic entrepreneur Dr. Anshu Kataria, alumnus of University Business School (UBS), Punjab University, Chandigarh, supported by Prof. Roshan Lal Kataria (Ex-Faculty Govt. College Muktsar Sahib & Zira), Smt. Rajni Kataria (School Teacher) and Dr. (Mrs.) Parveen Kataria (Gold Medalist, UBS).

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Election results moral defeat for Modi: Kharge

NEW DELHI, JUNE 4 Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday said the Lok Sabha election results were a mandate against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and it was his "political and moral defeat".

PM aide Nripendra Mishra's son loses

NEW DELHI, JUNE 4 In a significant electoral upset, Saket Mishra, the BJP candidate from Uttar Pradesh's Shrawasti parliamentary constituency, suffered a defeat at the hands of Samajwadi Party (SP) candidate Ram Shiromani Verma.

Akhilesh's PDA push helps INDIA win UP

SANDEEP DIKSHIT TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 4 The victory of Samajwadi Party's (SP) Awadesh Prasad in Raizabad, the ground zero of the Ram Mandir issue, typifies the change in the approach by Akhilesh Yadav after four consecutive and humiliating losses in 2014, 2017, 2019 and 2022.



Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav addresses a public meeting for Lok Sabha elections in Gorakhpur. PTI FILE

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Akhilesh Yadav restricted the number of Yadav candidates to just five that included himself, his wife Dimple and cousin Dharmendra. He also took the risk of giving tickets to just four Muslim candidates.

Yadav Backwards and Dalits. Six candidates from the Pasi caste, as many from the Maurya caste and 11 to Dalits, including on general seats such as Faizabad helped it regain some of the backward vote bank that had slipped away to the BJP in 2014.

As one travelled through central and eastern UP it was clear that there was a desire for badlav (change) but the question was whether the Gathbandhan's paucity of resources will triumph the well-oiled BJP's election machinery.

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INDIA blooms, lotus wilts

Issues of bread and butter appeared to trump saffron narratives dominated by the Ram Temple, abrogation of Article 370, the Citizenship Amendment Act, serial invocation of infiltrators and "mangalsutra" among other things, with the BJP losing seats to the Congress in both Rajasthan and Haryana, which it had swept in 2019.

In Rajasthan, the BJP posted 14 leads and the Congress parties could not win the number of seats the BJP won on its own.

The PM's conventional post-result thanksgiving speech was, however, met with dimmer-than-usual applause on Tuesday, much along the expected lines and the BJP headquarters did not wear the winning look it may have planned for.

In UP, INDIA ally Samajwadi Party, led by former state Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav, surfaced as the single largest party and won or was leading in 37 of the state's 80 segments as against the BJP's 33. The Congress also posted gains — six leads against just one win (Rae Bareilly) in 2019. Nationally, the Congress was at 99 leads late on Tuesday night, improving over its dismal 2014 and 2019 tallies of 44 and 52 LS seats, respectively. The party will finally get recognition for the Leader of the Opposition position in the Lok Sabha for the first time in 2019 and 71 in 2014. This despite the Union Home Minister personally leading the strategy. Initial indications suggested that the BJP's decision to renominiate majority UP MPs boomeranged. Nationally, the BJP dropped 132 MPs of the 303 who had won in 2019 — 43 per cent of all MPs. However, in UP the BJP retained 55 of its 62 MPs and paid the price of anti-incumbency among other factors today.

The trends also bring into question the structure of hierarchies in the BJP, which is ruled by PM Modi and his confidante Union Home Minister Amit Shah with an iron fist. For the first time since he became the Gujarat CM in 2001, he has been unable to lead the BJP to a full majority and would need to depend on NDA allies to run the government. This could mean much compromise though the PM today clearly said in his third term the government "will take historic, massive decisions and that is Modi's guarantee".

Overall the BJP would need to introspect the losses as it had gone into the 2024 poll on "Modi's guarantees", Modi's brand and Modi's name. The PM's own depleted victory margin in Varanasi — 1,52,513 votes — as against over four lakh in 2019 would worry the party, especially when BJP's Indore candidate Shankar Lalwani bagged a winning margin of over 11 lakh votes, perhaps the highest ever in Indian history; former MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan had a victory margin of over 8.21 lakh votes in Vidisha and Amit Shah in Gandhinagar had a lead of over 7,44,716 votes.

POLL SNIPPETS

BJP GETS MAIDEN LS SEAT IN KERALA

Thrissur: Ending its over-seven-decades-long political drought in Kerala, the BJP on Tuesday finally opened its account in the state through actor-turned politician Suresh Gopi, who cemented his historic victory with a win of over 74,686 votes in the Thrissur Lok Sabha segment. Gopi defeated CPI leader VS Sunilkumar in an exciting fight. While Gopi garnered a total of 4,12,338 votes, Sunilkumar had to make do with 3,37,652 votes.

90% DELHI CANDIDATES LOSE SECURITY DEPOSITS

New Delhi: As many as 148 out of 162 (91 per cent) candidates on Delhi's seven seats have lost their security deposits in the Lok Sabha elections, according to the Election Commission. In Chandani Chowk 23, New Delhi 15, South Delhi 20, East Delhi 18, West Delhi 22, North East Delhi 26 and North West Delhi 24 candidates forfeited their deposit. The BJP has made a clean sweep in all seven seats in Delhi.

IN MUMBAI NW, WIN MARGIN JUST 48 VOTES!

Mumbai: Shiv Sena candidate Ravindra Waikar on Tuesday won the Mumbai North West Lok Sabha seat by just 48 votes, the smallest margin in Maharashtra. Waikar bagged 4,52,644 votes, while his nearest rival, Amol Kirtikar of the Shiv Sena (UBT), got 4,52,596 votes in what was a nail-biting finish after a see-saw battle between the two candidates. Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray said he suspects there was something "fishy".

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Cong regains ground in key states

Relegated to the margins in the last poll, the grand old party makes an impressive comeback

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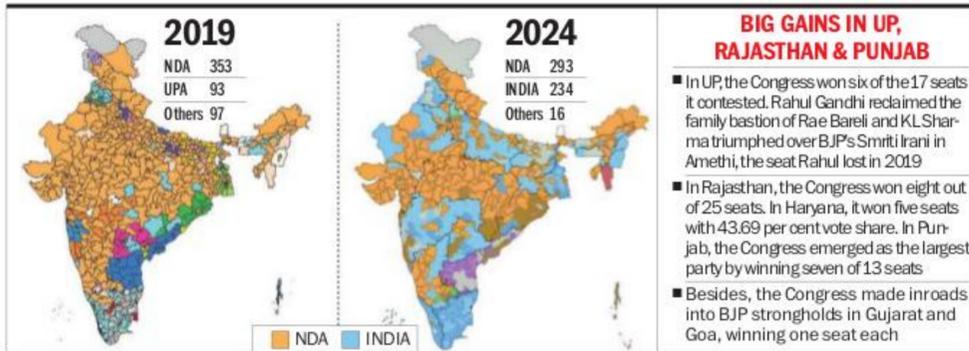
The Congress has staged a significant comeback in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, reclaiming the lost ground in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, and retaining Punjab, effectively curbing the BJP's previously unchallenged majority.

In Uttar Pradesh, considered the gateway to Delhi's power corridors and has 80 seats, the Congress with ally Samajwadi Party secured six of the 17 seats it contested. The alliance saw the SP winning a record 37 seats. Rahul Gandhi reclaimed the family bastion of Rae Bareilly and Kishori Lal Sharma triumphed over Union Minister Smriti Irani in Amethi, the seat Rahul lost in 2019. Also, the Congress won seats in Barabanki, Allahabad, Amroha, Saharanpur and Sitapur, marking a significant improvement from its previous performance, garnering 9.65 per cent of the vote share.

Rajasthan saw the Congress winning eight out of 25 seats, with its alliance partners capturing all three seats they contested. The Congress, which faced defeat in last year's Assembly election in Rajasthan, secured 37.91 per cent of the votes by winning in key Jat-dominated constituencies such as Barmer, Bharatpur, Churu, and Sikar. This marks a



A Congress supporter waves the national flag as he celebrates the party's performance in the LS poll in New Delhi. PHOTO: MANAS RANIAN BHUI



notable recovery from the previous LS elections when the party failed to win any

seat in the state. In Haryana, where the Assembly elections are due

later this year, the Congress won five Lok Sabha seats, achieving a 43.69 per cent

vote share. Congress' Rajya Sabha MP Deepender Hooda retained Rohtak with a

significant margin of over three lakh votes, while Kumari Selja won in Sirsa. The Congress also secured victories in Ambala, Hisar, and Sonapat.

Similarly, in Punjab, despite a slight decline in its vote share, the Congress emerged as the largest party, winning seven out of 13 seats - Jalandhar, Patiala, Ludhiana, Gurdaspur, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ferozepur and Amritsar. The party's vote share stood at 26.30 per cent, slightly ahead of the ruling Aam Aadmi Party's 26.05 per cent.

Even, the Congress also retained the Chandigarh constituency as its candidate Manish Tewari defeated Sanjay Tandon of the BJP, helping the party to win the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana after two consecutive terms.

Additionally, the Congress made inroads into the BJP strongholds in Gujarat and Goa, winning one seat in each state. Geniben Nagaji Thakor won in Banaskantha, Gujarat, and Capt Viriato Fernandes triumphed in South Goa.

However, in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi and Madhya Pradesh, the BJP made a clean sweep. This election marks a significant resurgence for the Congress in several key states, posing a robust challenge to the BJP's dominance ahead of future electoral battles.

NDA sweeps state, LS polls in AP; Naidu set to be CM

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The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) partners - Telugu Desam Party, BJP and the Jana Sena - on Tuesday swept the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh with TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu set to be sworn in as the Chief Minister for the fourth time.

Naidu, 74, was CM of undivided Andhra Pradesh from 1995 to 2004 and earned the reputation of a CEO CM by bringing the state on the IT map of the world.

The TDP-led alliance bagged 21 leads out of 25 Lok Sabha seats in the state with 16 for TDP, three for BJP and 2 for Jana Sena. In 2019, the BJP had drawn a blank in national elections in Andhra.

The party rode the TDP-Jana Sena wave on Tuesday to



TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu celebrates the party's victory in the Assembly and LS polls with his family in Amaravati on Tuesday. PTI

make inroads in a hitherto electoral landscape.

In the Assembly election, the alliance posted an over three-fourth majority in a 175-member Assembly with Election Commission trends showing 138 seats for the TDP, 21 for Jana Sena and 8 for the BJP. The ruling YS Jagan Mohan

Reddy led YSRCP was decimated with just 12 seats in the state Assembly, in a near reversal of results over the 2019 state polls when TDP had been wiped out. The NDA alliance stitched together by actor Pawan Kalyan of the Jana Sena is being seen as a game changer for the BJP and the TDP.

BJP set to end Patnaik's 24-year hold on Odisha

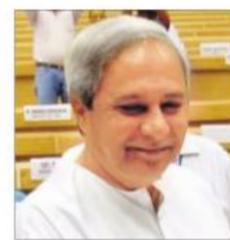
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The BJP on Tuesday was on course to end Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik's 24-year hold over the state as it posted 78 leads in a 147-member Assembly and was set to form the next government. The Biju Janata Dal (BJD) was restricted to 51 leads. The half-way mark in the state assembly is 74.

This is the first time in 24 years that the BJP would form a government on its own in the eastern state where it had struck an alliance with the BJD in 2000. The two parties ousted Congress that year and went on to rule in alliance until the BJD parted ways with the saffron family over Kandhamal anti-Christian riots after 2008.

The BJP today also swept LS polls in the state with 19 leads (four victories) out of 21 segments and the BJD bagging



Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik

just one lead as against 12 seats it had won in 2019. The Congress has one lead in Odisha LS poll too. The BJP had won 8 Lok Sabha seats in 2019.

In an embarrassment to the BJD, Patnaik, the second longest serving Chief Minister in India after Pawan Kumar Chamling of Sikkim, was trailing by over 15,000 votes to BJP's Laxman Bagin Kantabanji seat though he was ahead in Hinjili.

Naveen Patnaik had contest-

ed two seats in the state assembly with his health emerging as a major poll issue. PM Narendra Modi personally alleged a conspiracy behind Patnaik's flailing health and urged people to choose BJP instead of the BJD which, he said, was attempting to impose an outsider on them. The outsider reference was to bureaucrat-turned-politician VK Pandian, with Patnaik few days ago forced to publicly state that Pandian was not his successor.

Modi thanked the state for the verdict. "Thank you Odisha! It's a resounding victory for good governance and celebrating Odisha's unique culture. BJP will leave no stone unturned in fulfilling the dreams of people and taking Odisha to new heights of progress. I am very proud of all our hardworking party workers for their efforts," he posted on X.

Political families put up impressive performance

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

Political families had a splash in the 2024 Lok Sabha election with many making big gains in their respective constituencies.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin's family in Tamil Nadu, Akhilesh Yadav's family in UP made a landslide victory, with few exceptions like Omar Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti, Rohini Acharya among others.

In Tamil Nadu, Dayanidhi Maran, grandnephew of DMK patriarch M Karunanidhi won from Chennai Central. Karimozhi Karunanidhi, daughter of Karunanidhi won Thoothukudi.

Former Bihar CM and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supreme Lahu Prasad Yadav's daughters Misa Bharti and Rohini Acharya contested from Patlipura and Saran Lok Sabha seats, respectively. While Misa won the seat, Rohini lost to

BJP's Rajiv Pratap Rudy. In Uttar Pradesh, five members of Akhilesh's family contested the election. Akhilesh is leading with 1.7 lakh votes in Kanauj against BJP's Subrat Pathak. His wife Dimple Yadav has secured a comfortable win by 2.2 lakh votes in Mainpuri against her nearest rival BJP's Jayveer Singh.

The SP chief's three cousins - Akshay Yadav, Dharmendra Yadav and Aditya Yadav have also won from their seats by a comfortable margin. While Akshay has won by 89,312 votes against BJP's Vishwadeep Singh in Firozabad, Dharmendra too has achieved a decisive margin of over 1.6 lakh votes in Azamgarh.

In Karnataka, former PM HD Deve Gowda's family members have registered victories in the election, while his grandson, Prajwal Revanna, lost from the Hassan parliamentary constituency.

Agnipath scheme impacts electoral battle in North India

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4

In North India, a region steeped in martial tradition and contributing a significant chunk of manpower to the armed forces, the introduction of the Agnipath scheme for the recruitment into the rank and file of the armed forces is among the factors affecting the outcome of the 2024 General Election.

Rolled out by the BJP government in June 2022, the scheme did not go down well with the defence community, which was of the opinion that not only did it downgrade the

forces' war-fighting ability, but was also a raw deal for the soldiers as it put them at a huge disadvantage vis-à-vis not only uniformed personnel in the Central Armed Police Forces, but also other government employees.

Over three lakh serving personnel in the three services belong to Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. The combined strength of registered ex-servicemen in these states is about 6.20 lakh. Members of their families too are on the electoral roll.

"Residents in the rural areas of Punjab conveyed a strong sentiment against the



Youth protest the Agnipath scheme at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi. FILE

scheme because of post-release uncertainty and limited employment opportunities," Brig KS Kahlon (retd), state president of the All-India Defence Brotherhood

and former director, Defence Services Welfare, said.

In Haryana, the introduction of the Agnipath scheme for recruitment into the armed forces proved a crucial

factor in the Lok Sabha election. The state faces a tough challenge in terms of unemployment and a big chunk of its youth used to join the Army till recently.

However, after the introduction of the Agnipath scheme, a significant portion of youth from Haryana seem to have lost interest in military service. The local youth as well as elderly residents feel that military service has been robbed of its honour and reduced to a temporary job.

The Congress leaders raked up the issue at their rallies and public meetings. Rahul Gandhi announced at a rally

in Charkhi Dadri district that the Agnipath scheme would be scrapped if their party came to power.

In Himachal Pradesh, the issue, too, appears to have made a dent into the BJP vote bank as, despite winning all four Lok Sabha seats, the victory margins of the candidates have been reduced to even less than half of their 2019 win.

As per political analysts, people's resentment against the Agnipath issue was one of the major factors which benefited the Congress candidates and worked against the BJP.

JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, RAKOLI, DISTT. MOHALI (PUNJAB)

EMPANELMENT OF PGT PHYSICAL EDUCATION SKILL TEACHER (YOGA) PURELY ON CONTRACT BASIS FOR THE SESSION 2024-25.

PM SHRI SCHOOL JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, TALWANDI MADHO, DISTT. JALANDHAR, PB - 144625

NOTICE FOR EMPANELMENT/ENGAGEMENT OF PGT YOGA ON CONTRACT BASIS

जवाहर नवोदय विद्यालय, अवान, पो. ऑ. रमदास, जिला अमृतसर (पंजाब)

अनुबंध आधार पर सत्र 2024-25 हेतु कौशल शिक्षक (पीजीटी योग) की नियुक्ति के लिए आवेदनों के संबंध में ऑनलाइन आमंत्रण

जवाहर नवोदय विद्यालय, फतेहपुर राजपूत जिला पटियाला (पंजाब)

संविदा आधार पर सत्र 2024-25 के अंतर्गत अंतरिम रिक्तियों के सापेक्ष में पीजीटी पुस्तकालय एवं सूचना विज्ञान (कौशल शिक्षक) के अनुबंध के लिए पैनल के निर्माण हेतु आवेदन पत्रों के आमंत्रण की सूचना।

TENDER NOTICE JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, LOHARA, DISTT-MOGA (PUNJAB)

Sealed tenders are invited from the registered and reputed firms having GST registration numbers for the supply of Dry Ration (Grocery items), Daily Need items, Bakery items, Fresh Vegetables & Fruits, Washing & Ironing of clothes, Tuck Shop, Hiring of Vehicle, Hair Cutting etc to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Lohara, Distt-Moga (Punjab) for the academic session 2024-25 (valid up to 30.06.2025).

JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, POJEWAL, DISTT. S.B.S. NAGAR (PB) TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited from the registered manufacturers/wholesalers/dealers/distributors/firms, for the purchase of Dry Ration & Daily Needs Items, Fresh Vegetable & Fruits, Bakery items, Laboratory items, AMC Computers & CCTVs, Washing & Ironing of Uniform, Hair Cutting, Cleanliness of Sewerage Tank, Running of Tuck Shop and Sale of Scrap for the year 2024-25.

PM SHRI SCHOOL JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA KUNIHAR, DISTRICT SOLAN HP -173207

NOTICE FOR EMPANELMENT/ENGAGEMENT OF SERVICES OF PGT (FOOD PRODUCTION) ON CONTRACT BASIS FOR THE SESSION 2024-25

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, BATHINDA

TENDER NOTICE 1. Principal, Army Public School, Bathinda invites bids for "Purchase of Projectors for Army Public School, Bathinda. RFP including instructions for the bidders, technical specifications of work/services required, terms and conditions, special conditions and evaluation criteria are available on school website www.apsbathinda.org. Bids can be submitted duly signed, and stamped by 2:00PM on 26 Jun 2024.

जवाहर नवोदय विद्यालय, अवान, पो. ऑ. रमदास, जिला अमृतसर (पंजाब)

अनुबंध आधार पर सत्र 2024-25 हेतु कौशल शिक्षक (पीजीटी योग) की नियुक्ति के लिए आवेदनों के संबंध में ऑनलाइन आमंत्रण

ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF PGT YOGA (SKILL SUBJECT)

PM Shri School Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kauni, Post Office, Jand Sahib, Near Sada, Distt. Faridkot invited online applications from the eligible candidates for the Post of PGT (Yoga) Skill subject on contract basis from 05.06.2024 to 10.06.2024 (Last Date).

JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, RAKOLI, DISTT. MOHALI (PUNJAB) TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited from registered/reputed suppliers/ firms for supply of Dry Ration, Vegetables & fruits, Bakery Items, Daily Need Items, Electrical Items & Plumbing Items, Tuck Shop, Washing & Ironing of Uniform & Hair Cutting for the session 2024-25.

JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, FAROUR DISTRICT FATEHGARH SAHIB, PUNJAB

NOTICE FOR EMPANELMENT/ENGAGEMENT OF SERVICES OF PGT (YOGA) ON CONTRACT BASIS FOR THE SESSION 2024-25.

JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA DHANANSU, DISTRICT LUDHIANA (PB.) - 141112

NOTICE FOR EMPANELMENT/ENGAGEMENT OF SERVICES OF PGT (FOOD PRODUCTION) ON CONTRACT BASIS FOR THE SESSION 2024-25

More than a third of Gaza hostages are dead: Israel

JERUSALEM, JUNE 4 Israel believes that more than a third of the remaining Gaza hostages are dead, a government tally showed on Tuesday, as the United States sought to advance their recovery under a proposal to wind down the war with Hamas.



Palestinians inspect a vehicle damaged by an Israeli strike in Deir Al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip on Tuesday. REUTERS

NETANYAHU COULD BE PROLONGING GAZA WAR FOR POLITICAL REASONS, SAYS BIDEN

Washington: US President Joe Biden said Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu may be stalling on ending the war in Gaza for political reasons. Asked by Time magazine whether he thought Netanyahu was prolonging the war for his own political reasons, Biden said: "There is every reason for people to draw that conclusion."

hostage deaths. Israel has not ruled that out in all cases, but said that some recovered hostage bodies showed signs of execution. On Monday, four more hostages were added to Israel's list of fatalities.

Israeli strikes kill 11 in Gaza

Palestinian health officials in the Gaza Strip said Israeli strikes killed at least 11 people overnight on Tuesday, including a family of three in the built-up Bureij refugee camp and eight police officers in the central town of Deir al-Balah.

Chinese probe lifts off from far side of moon

BEIJING: China's Chang'e-6 probe on Tuesday lifted off from the far side of the Moon for its journey back to Earth carrying the first rock samples ever collected from the rarely explored terrain, in an ambitious mission that underscored the country's rise as a major space power.

Male deploys its soldiers in helicopters being flown by Indians: Report

MALE, JUNE 4 Weeks after India withdrew its military personnel from the Maldives, the two helicopters gifted by New Delhi to the island nation are operated regularly with an MNDF soldier onboard, a Maldivian news portal reported on Tuesday.

Missing Indian student in US traced: Police

HOUSTON, JUNE 4 A 23-year-old Indian student who went missing in the US state of California last week has been located and "is safe", police said on Tuesday.

BUSINESS

Table showing currency exchange rates for USD, EURO, POUND, JPY, YUAN, CAD, AUD, SGD, HKD and commodity prices for BSE, NSE, GOLD, SILVER.

Bloodbath on D-Street as results belie exit polls

SANDEEP DIKSHIT The stock market registered its highest single-day crash since the Covid pandemic four years ago after the Lok Sabha election results on Tuesday belied the prognosis by the exit polls of the Narendra Modi-led NDA.

As equity market bleeds, investors lose ₹30 lakh cr

VIJAY C ROY As the stock market tanked, the market capitalisation of all listed companies on the BSE Sensex took a severe hit, resulting in complete mayhem. It is estimated that around Rs 29.9 lakh crore wiped off from the market.

Industry captains seek policy continuation

VIJAY C ROY As the ruling NDA is set to form government at the Centre, industrialists are pinning hopes on favourable policies and atmosphere which can steer the growth.

industry such as cycle, hosiery, apparel, textiles and engineering goods." Prateek Mittal, Executive Director of real estate firm Sushma Group, said: "We anticipate a strong focus on bolstering the real estate market, particularly through policies that promote affordable housing schemes and robust infrastructure development."



AS Mittal, Prateek Mittal, Sandeep Jain

The American dream begins

India open against gutsy Ireland in renewed quest for World Cup glory

NEW YORK, JUNE 4
Sceptics call them 'old wine in new bottle' but a clutch of superstar Indian cricketers will leave no stone unturned to break away from their archaic template when they take on a plucky Ireland in their opening game of the T20 World Cup here tomorrow.



Arshdeep Singh bowls during a practice session. ANI

Gavaskar wants Kohli to open and Jaiswal at No. 3

NEW YORK: Batting legend Sunil Gavaskar feels Virat Kohli should open alongside skipper Rohit Sharma in India's T20 World Cup game against Ireland tomorrow with Yashasvi Jaiswal dropping down to the No. 3 position. There has been a lot of debate around Kohli's batting position in the T20 World Cup. Kohli has been India's designated No. 3 batter in the white-ball format for a long time. He heads to the marquee event on the back of an excellent IPL season. "Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli to open the batting along with Yashasvi Jaiswal at three," Gavaskar told a TV channel while talking about his preferred batting line



up. Gavaskar picked the flamboyant Rishabh Pant ahead of Sanju Samson for keeping duties and Mohammed Siraj ahead of left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh. PTI

climbed the steps of the Narendra Modi Stadium dressing room.

There was also Kohli, who

after scoring those 765 invaluable runs, could only

get a fleeting blank gaze towards the podium where the trophy was kept.

The best players sometimes don't add up to become the best team and while India have put faith in their most experienced lot, it can't be simply wished away that this current batch has faltered at the final two hurdles way too many times.

At 37, this could safely be termed as Rohit's last World Cup in the white-ball format.

A very gutsy Irish team with some quality T20 players like Paul Stirling, Josh Little, Harry Tector and Andy Balbirnie awaits India.

On a slow track and a sub-standard outfield at the Nassau County ground, how India play against Irish left-arm spinner George Dockrell will be interesting.

Where India hold the advantage is their spinners who are way better compared to what the Irish team have though the pace attack, aside from Bumrah, looks a bit weak in absence of the redoubtable Mohammed Shami.

Having too many options sometimes is a headache, and so India have one at the top. To fit in skipper Rohit and team's most elite batter in Kohli, they have to probably sacrifice Yashasvi Jaiswal.

Rishabh Pant's batting at No. 3 in the practice game was like a breath of fresh air and Hardik Pandya's bowling form will indicate how India fare in this competition. — PTI



Fazalhaq Farooqi blew away Uganda with his maiden five-wicket haul. ICC

High five for Farooqi as Afghanistan thrash Uganda

PROVIDENCE (GUYANA), JUNE 4

Pacer Fazalhaq Farooqi produced a fiery spell after Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran struck half-centuries in a solid opening partnership as Afghanistan began their T20 World Cup campaign with a comprehensive 125-run victory over debutants Uganda here.

Opener Gurbaz (76 off 45 balls) and his partner Zadran (70 off 46 balls) registered the second-highest opening partnership (154) in the men's T20 World Cup as Afghanistan posted a challenging 183/5 after being asked to bat.

Left-arm pacer Farooqi (5/9) then knocked the wind out of the Ugandan batting line-up with his maiden five-wicket haul, with the debutants being shot out for 58 in 16 overs.

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Rashid Khan, AFGHANISTAN SKIPPER

mindset," skipper Rashid Khan, who polished off the tail. "The hard work we have done in the last few weeks,

the way the openers started and the way our bowlers bowled — it was a great overall team effort," he added.

Seamer Farooqi was twice on the brink of claiming a hat-trick. He was lethal with the new ball.

After being hit for a four off his first delivery, he bowled a brilliant in-swinging which clipped Ronak Patel's bat before crashing into the stumps. He then trapped Roger Mukasa lbw with a similar delivery.

"I have missed it (getting the hat-trick) a few times. Something that is not under my control and if I get a chance again, I will try to get that hat-trick," Farooqi said while collecting his Player of the Match award.

Brief scores: Afghanistan: 183/5 in 20 overs (Gurbaz 76, Zadran 70); **Uganda:** 58 in 16 overs (Farooqi 5/9, Naveen 2/4, Rashid 2/12). — PTI

BRIEFLY

GM Erigaisi breaks into top-5 in FIDE rating list

Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi's strong showing in the French Team Chess Championship has helped him reach the fifth spot in the FIDE standings, making him the highest ranked Indian by live rating. Arjun, with an ELO rating of 2769.7, has so far added 8.7 points to his tally. He sits behind Magnus Carlsen of Norway, USA's Hikaru Nakamura and Fabiano Caruana and Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia. The 20-year-old had briefly reached a career-high live rating of 2771.2 earlier this week and is the only Indian since Vishwanathan Anand to do so.

World Cup: Esha finishes sixth in 25m pistol

Esha Singh finished sixth in the women's 25m pistol at the ongoing ISSF World Cup as India's search for their first medal continued. Esha shot 20 in the final, which was won by Camille Jedrejewska of France. Camille beat Germany's Doreen Vennekamp for the title. Current finals world record holder Kim Yeji of South Korea was third.

Hosts Germany warm up with 0-0 draw against Ukraine

Hosts Germany and England kicked off the build-up to the European Championship with their first warm-up games. Germany put national team action on midsummer's centre-stage in an enterprising 0-0 draw with Ukraine. England got off to a slow start before a second half surge in a 3-0 win over Bosnia-Herzegovina, including a national record-extending 63rd goal for Harry Kane, who went on as a substitute. Croatia, another of the European powers, eased to a 3-0 win over North Macedonia. Croatia face Spain in the standout game of Day 2 of the tournament on June 15. AGENCIES

Bopanna to team up with Balaji at Paris

NEW DELHI, JUNE 4
World No. 4 Rohan Bopanna has picked N Sriram Balaji as his partner for the Paris Olympics and the All India Tennis Association (AITA) is unlikely to have any objection to the choice made by the veteran player.

The 44-year-old Bopanna wrote to the AITA and also marked TOPS in the mail, conveying his decision.

Balaji and his Mexican partner MA Reyes-Varela Martinez had tested the formidable combo of Bopanna and Australia's Matthew Ebden before losing their men's doubles third round match at the French Open on Monday.

Balaji played well from the baseline with a strong serve backing his game and was equally impressive at the net — a performance that would have convinced Bopanna that the player from Coimbatore is the best option for him when he returns to Roland Garros for

a final shot at an Olympics medal next month.

Bopanna, only the third Indian to win a Grand Slam title, came close to winning a medal at the Rio Games but he and Sania Mirza lost the mixed doubles bronze medal match to the Czech combination of Radek Stepanek and Lucie Hradecka.

"I have sent an email to AITA," Bopanna said, adding that he will comment on his choice only after hearing back from the national federation.

When contacted, AITA secretary general Anil Dhupar said he does not have any objection to Bopanna playing with Balaji, ranked 84, at the Paris Olympics.

"Rohan has written to us that he wants to play with Balaji. Balaji played well in Pakistan also, rising to the occasion. He also did well at the French Open. If Rohan wants that, we have no objection to that," he said. — PTI

Rajawat shows Prannoy the door, Lakshya eases into Rd 2

INDONESIA OPEN

JAKARTA, JUNE 4
Star Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen and compatriot Priyanshu Rajawat entered the men's singles second round of the Indonesia Open Super 1000 with straight-game wins over their respective rivals here today.

While Lakshya took just 40 minutes to get the better of Japan's Kenta Tsuneyama 21-12 21-17 in an opening-round clash, Rajawat beat former world No. 6 HS Prannoy 21-17 21-12 in an all-Indian contest.

Lakshya, who sneaked into the Olympics qualification with back-to-back semifinals finishes at the French Open and All England Championships, will next be up against Japan's Kenta Nishimoto. The Japanese stunned seventh seed Anthony Sinisuka Ginting of Indonesia 17-21 21-11 21-8 in another opening-round match.



Priyanshu Rajawat ousted HS Prannoy 21-17 21-12. FILE

Rajawat will take on eighth seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand next.

However, it was curtains for Kiran George in the men's singles event, but not before giving a tough fight to Hong Yang Weng of China 21-11 10-21 20-22.

The Indian mixed doubles pair of B Sumeeth Reddy and Sikki Reddy had to battle hard before prevailing 18-21 21-16 21-17 over the

American pair of Vinson Chiu and Jennie Gai in the opening round.

The Indian women's doubles pair of Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand also tasted success in the opening round, beating Chinese Taipei's Yu-Pei Cheng and Yu Hsing Sun 21-15 21-11.

They will play seventh seeds Mayu Matsumoto and Wakana Nagahara of Japan next. — PTI

Players gearing up for exciting finish

NORWAY CHESS

STAVANGER, JUNE 4
The seventh round of the Norway Chess tournament in the wee hours today witnessed gripping matches with tense moments that significantly impacted the standings.

With top players in high stakes games, the outcomes of this round have set the stage for an exciting conclusion to the tournament. Both the men's and women's sections saw intense battles, strategic plays and key victories that reshaped the leaderboard.

One of the highlights of the day was the match between Koneru Humpy and R Vaishali as Koneru Humpy scored the only classical victory of the day in both tournaments. With this loss, the former tournament leader Vaishali's winning chances have significantly decreased.

World champion Ding Liren, who has been underperforming with four losses in a row,

finally stopped the bleeding with a much-needed draw against R Praggnandhaa.

However, he missed a trick and lost the Armageddon tie-breaker, with Praggnandhaa remaining on the third spot of the standings (11 points).

In the highly anticipated game between Magnus Carlsen and Hikaru Nakamura, the classical game ended in a draw relatively quickly, as both sides avoided complicated positions.

The Armageddon tiebreak was one of the most intense games so far in the tournament, as Nakamura won when Carlsen's time ran out on the clock. This win brought Nakamura within half-a-point of Carlsen, who is leading the tournament with 13 points.

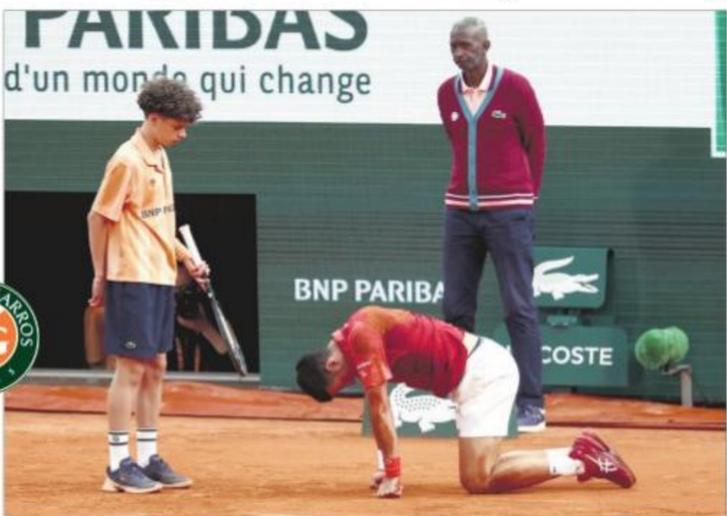
Fabiano Caruana sacrificing his knight against Alireza Firouzja almost backfired in a classical draw before the latter gave no chances in the decider. — PTI

Djoker out of pack with injured right knee

PARIS, JUNE 4
Novak Djokovic withdrew from the French Open with an injured right knee, ending his title defence and meaning he will relinquish the No. 1 ranking.

The tournament announced the news, saying Djokovic has a torn medial meniscus in his right knee. The extent of the injury was found during an MRI exam a day after Djokovic was hurt during a fourth-round victory against No. 23 Francisco Cerundolo that lasted five sets spread across more than 4-and-a-half hours.

The 24-time Grand Slam champion was supposed to face two-time French Open runner-up Casper Ruud in the quarterfinals on Wednesday. Djokovic's knee had been bothering him for a couple of weeks before he arrived at Roland Garros — something he kept to himself



Novak Djokovic on all fours during his match against Francisco Cerundolo. REUTERS

until after the win against Cerundolo. Early in the second set on Monday, Djokovic tweaked his knee and took a medical timeout. A trainer

worked on the joint then and during subsequent changeovers, and Djokovic took what he said a tournament doctor told him was the

maximum dose of pills allowed to dull the pain and reduce any inflammation.

Amid a season in which he is only 18-6 and has not

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Beating Cerundolo allowed Djokovic to break a tie with Roger Federer for the most match wins at Major tournaments — and also for the most Slam quarterfinals for a man, reaching the 59th of his career

reached a final at any tournament, he needed to get back to the title match in Paris to retain his hold atop the ATP rankings. With Djokovic, the owner of three French Open titles, gone from the bracket, and Rafael Nadal — owner of a record 14 — eliminated in the first round, someone will be holding the French Open men's trophy for the first time on Sunday.

The group of remaining contenders includes current No. 2 Jannik Sinner, who defeated No. 10 Grigor Dimitrov 6-2 6-4 7-6(3) today to reach the semifinals. — Reuters

NORTHERN RAILWAY	
E-Tender Notice	
For and on behalf of President of India, Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, DEMU CAR SHED BUDGAM invites Open Tender through e-tendering system from reputed contractors with adequate experience and financial capability for the under mentioned work.	
Name of Work :	Installation and commissioning of Automatic coach washing plant at DMU Car Shed Budgam.
Estimated Cost of Work (Approximate) :	Rs. 2,43,99,000/- (Two Crore Forty Three Lakh and Ninety Nine Thousand Only)
Tender Security Amount (Earnest Money Deposit) :	Rs. 2,72,000/- (Two Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Only)
Tender document available for sale on website :	04.06.2024
E-Tender closing Date & Time :	25.06.2024 upto 15:00 Hrs.
Date and time of opening of E-Tender on IREPS website :	25.06.2024 at 15:15 Hrs.
Contract Period :	06 Months
Type of Tender :	Open Tender (Single Packet System)
Validity of Tender :	45 Days from the last date of submission of tender
Website :	http://www.ireps.gov.in/
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NORTHERN RAILWAY	
E-TENDER NOTICE	
Tender No. 04-2024-DEMU_BDGM Date: 03.06.2024	
For and on behalf of President of India, Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, Budgam invites Open Tender through e-tendering system from reputed contractor with adequate experience and financial capability for the under mentioned work.	
Name of work :	Annual Maintenance and Operation Contract of Bio-Toilet tanks fitted in DEMU/MEMU coaches at DEMU CAR SHED Budgam.
Estimated Cost of work (Approximate) :	Rs. 5,16,090.17 (Five Lakh Sixteen Thousand Ninety and Paise Seventeen only)
Tender Security Amount (Earnest Money Deposit) :	Rs. 10,300 (Ten thousand three hundred Only)
Tender document available on website :	04.06.2024
Bidding Start Date :	As per www.ireps.gov.in
E-Tender closing Date & Time :	25.06.2024 upto 15:00 Hrs.
Date and time of opening of E-Tender on IREPS website (Technical Bid) :	25.06.2024 at 15:15 Hrs.
Validity of Tender :	60 Days from the last date of submission of tender
Type of Tender :	Open Tender (Single Packet System)
Contract Period :	12 Months (01 Year)
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Southern states give INDIA bloc reason to cheer

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As the results for the Lok Sabha election poured in on Tuesday, southern states gave a reason to cheer for the INDIA bloc as it gained hugely in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, while marginally improving in Karnataka and Telangana.

The 2024 LS polls saw Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah place an unprecedented thrust on the southern states. These five states and one Union Territory—Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, and Puducherry (UT) account for 130 seats in the Lok Sabha.

The Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) registered major gains by clinching 18 of 20 Lok Sabha seats in Kerala.

In Tamil Nadu, the ruling DMK made a clean sweep, winning all 39 seats, even bettering its 2009 sweep tally. The same formidable alliance with the Congress, Left parties, VCK, MDMK, and others had won 38 seats in 2019. With the Congress winning the lone seat in Puducherry, the DMK alliance scored 40 out of 40. The ruling DMK's populist schemes, including the Rs 1,000 monthly assistance and free bus rides for women, appear to have worked magic.

Far from '400 paar', but not all in BJP unhappy over its poor show

Poll results have re-established Sangh relevance, given leeway to leaders within party, alliance

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The NDA fell short of the much-publicised "400-plus" target set by PM Narendra Modi, causing disappointment in the BJP ranks. However, not everyone in the party is unhappy over the outcome.

The party's reduced majority in the Lok Sabha on the back of some very surprising results from key states like UP, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Rajasthan may affect Modi's painstakingly curated "invincible persona" within the party as well as the NDA.

The results seem to have given leeway to leaders within the party and the alliance to have their voice heard, say observers. Besides, the results have also re-established the relevance of the RSS. "Politics is about survival and personal equations. A section (of the BJP) may actually be feeling relieved... In fact, many seem happy with the Amethi result," sources say, citing leaders "sidelined" because of Modi's overwhelming majority in the 2014 and 2019 elections.

"The UP results have implications for CM Yogi Adityanath too. Overall, in the Hindi heart-



Supporters celebrate the victory of BJP-JD(S) alliance candidate HD Kumaraswamy in Bengaluru. ANI

land, the results seem to have proved the relevance of the Sangh," says Lucknow-based political analyst K Vikram Rao. "Apparently, RSS cadre did not get active till the third/fourth phase even as Opposition parties successfully disseminated messages regarding reservation and Constitution. Opposition's promises resonated with people, and the defeat of top leaders like Smriti Irani to KL Sharma proves that in politics, everything is not as it appears on the surface."

Results in Uttar Pradesh

proved that along with issues like high unemployment and inflation, the M-Y (Muslim-Yadav) factor also exists and polarisation can be a double-edged sword. The notion that Modi and Amit Shah may not be on the same page with Adityanath and the Sangh backing him may be other factors that worked against the BJP in UP.

"Earlier, chief ministers and ministers were appointed after consultations with Sangh leadership, but not under PM Modi. He directly established contact

with voters and took decisions independently. An overwhelming majority for the third consecutive term may have led to the RSS becoming even more irrelevant," says an observer.

Strained relations between the BJP and its ideological fountainhead RSS have been in the limelight in the past, too, as happened during the tenure of late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who lost the 2004 elections. While Sangh leaders say the RSS is not a political party but an socio-cultural organisation involved in nation-building,

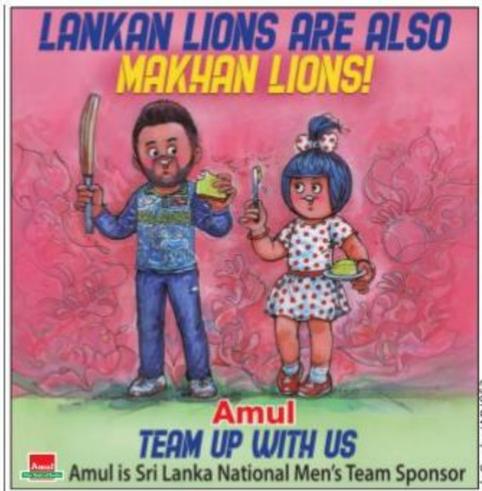
BJP leaders dismiss the notion of differences between the two by saying that "the BJP and PM Narendra Modi have only been implementing Sangh's core agenda". The results have also established the importance of regional parties in an alliance.

Modi and Shah dialled TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu after his party established an early lead; some Opposition leaders did so, too.

Observers say having strong regional parties and allies like the TDP, JD(U) and LJP is "good for democracy".

A "non-400 result" also puts to an end all talk about "dictatorship, elections being rigged and faulty EVMs" and proves that India is a strong democracy — contrary to what several Western nations believe, says an observer.

"Plus, these results show those in power must not take things for granted and understand that real influence lies in smaller cities, towns and villages. Rural distress, economic problems, unemployment, and issues concerning farmers, youth and minorities need to be taken seriously by those in power... because if people want to change the status quo, they will, and issues like Ram Mandir will not matter," he adds.



Left makes a comeback in Bihar after 3 decades

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After its successful run in the 2020 Bihar Assembly elections, the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) has won two parliamentary seats in the state after a gap of three decades. The last time a CPI (ML) MP was elected from Bihar was in 1989, when Rameshwar Prasad won from Arrah.

The party has won the Arrah and Karakat Lok Sabha seats.

The Karakat constituency came into existence in 2008 and since then only NDA candidates have won. Former Union Minister Upendra Kushwaha, who contested from the Rashtriya Lok Morcha, lost from Karakat this time. He had won the seat in 2014. In 2019, Mahabali Kush-

waha from JD(U) had emerged victorious. Raja Ram Singh Kushwaha of the CPI (ML) won the Lok Sabha seat from Karakat this time.

In Bihar, where voters are divided on caste lines, the CPI (ML) banked on its assessment that the Kushwaha vote bank in Karakat was drifting away from the NDA. Raja Ram Singh, who is himself a Kushwaha, had an edge due to better ground connection. The caste equation was further muddled for Upendra with the entry of Bhojpuri singer Pawan Singh into the fray.

Union Minister RK Singh, who contested from Arrah on the BJP symbol, lost the seat to Sudama Prasad of the CPI (ML). Singh had won from Arrah in the 2014 and 2019 LS polls. This is the only seat where the BJP and the Left were directly contesting.

Didi emerges unscathed from Sandeshkhali

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Belying PM Narendra Modi's assertion that the BJP would sweep the Lok Sabha elections in West Bengal, it was the Trinamool Congress (TMC) led by Mamata Banerjee that called the shots by bagging 29 of the state's 42 seats. The BJP's tally came down to 12 from the 18 seats it had won in 2019. In 2019, the TMC had won 22 seats.

Banerjee, who refused to have any truck with either the Congress or the CPM, led the campaign from the front with her focus on welfare schemes that her government had launched in the last three years, especially the 'Lakshmir Bhandar' cash

Nephew Abhishek, Mahua, Yusuf Pathan victorious



TMC leaders Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee in Kolkata. PTI

incentive scheme. Ahead of the Lok Sabha poll, the Mamata government had increased the monthly allowance from Rs 500

to Rs 1,000 for women in the general category, while for those in the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe categories, the

amount was revised from Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,200. While campaigning in Bengal, Narendra Modi and other BJP leaders had kept the focus on the allegations of corruption against the TMC, citing the teachers' recruitment scam and coal and cattle smuggling. Some of the TMC leaders, including ministers Partha Chatterjee and Jyoti Priya Maalik, are in prison in connection with these cases.

Allegations of sexual assault on women in the island of Sandeshkhali in North 24 Parganas also failed to make an impact with the voters as TMC candidate Haji Nurul Islam, was ahead with a massive margin of 3.33 lakh votes from Basirhat, of which Sandeshkhali is a part.

In Indore, NOTA is runner-up

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Indore has won the dubious distinction of recording the highest number of NOTA votes beating the usual high NOTA voting tribal constituencies in Andhra Pradesh, MP, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and UP.

The Indore seat recorded a total of 2.18 lakh NOTA votes

due to political circumstances rather than disaffection with the polity as has been the case in the tribal districts of five states. Here, Congress nominee Akshay Kanti Bam withdrew his candidature and joined the BJP shortly after a decade old attempt to murder case was opened against him. — TNS

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BSP decimated in UP, fails to open account

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Despite having been the second largest party in Uttar Pradesh with 10 seats in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Mayawati's Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) faced a humiliating setback in this Lok Sabha poll, failing to secure even a single seat as it contested on all 80 seats.

This marks a stark contrast to the party's historical influence, especially during the 1990s when Mayawati wielded significant political power with her Dalit-centric approach.

Former UP CM on multiple occasions and also a Member of Parliament, Mayawati's political fortunes took a sharp downturn in 2024 with a drastic decline in the party's vote percentage to 9.39% in UP, compared to 9.48% of the Congress which contested only 17 seats. The BSP's electoral performance in the 2022 UP assembly elections was similarly dismal, with only one BSP candidate managing to secure a win.

Despite her past successes and brief resurgence in 2019 by winning 10 seats in alliance with Akhilesh Yadav's Samajwadi Party, Mayawati's decision to go solo this time proved ill-fated. Refusing alliance offers from the INDIA bloc and facing allegations of being BJP's 'B Team', BSP's reputation had taken a severe blow.



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