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Modi set for historic 3rd term, but allies drive hard bargain

NDA elects PM its leader | TDP eyes Speaker's post, 5 berths, JD(U) 3

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 5 Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set for a historic third term in office after the National Democratic Alliance partners unanimously backed him for the top post, hailing India's strides under his decade-long leadership.

In a meeting convened this evening, kingmakers Telugu Desam Party's N Chandrababu Naidu and Janata Dal-United's Nitish Kumar joined 16 bloc leaders in passing a unanimous resolution electing Modi as their leader. Sources said Modi could take oath as early as Saturday with a meeting of the BJP and NDA MPs scheduled for June 7.

Global top guns, including US President Joe Biden, British premier Rishi Sunak and Russian President Vladimir Putin, also congratulated the PM for the historic win, cementing his claim to a third term in office, which would put him in the league of the late Jawaharlal Nehru.

The ruling BJP, which fell short of a majority in the 2024 Lok Sabha election result, moved quickly on Wednesday to secure written assurances of support from NDA leaders amid signals that the Congress-led opposition INDIA bloc was also keen on engaging Naidu and Nitish. A formal endorsement from

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PM Narendra Modi with TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu and JD(U) supreme Nitish Kumar in New Delhi. PTI

“Met our valued NDA partners. Ours is an alliance that will further national progress and fulfil regional aspirations. We will serve the 140 crore people of India and work towards building a Viksit Bharat.” — Narendra Modi, PM

Biden, Putin, Sunak congratulate Modi

WASHINGTON/LONDON: US President Joe Biden, Russian President Vladimir Putin, British PM Rishi Sunak and French President Emmanuel Macron were among dozens of world leaders who congratulated PM Modi on the victory of the NDA coalition and expressed their desire to work closely with him.

“The friendship between our nations is only growing as we unlock a shared future of unlimited potential,” Biden said. In a phone call, President Putin “warmly congratulated” the PM on the success of his party. **BACK PAGE**

FINAL LS TALLY	
NDA	INDIA BLOC
293	234

NDA: BJP 240, TDP 16, JD(U) 12, Shiv Sena Shinde 7, UP (Ram Vilas) 5, JDS 2, Jana Sena 2, RLD 2, UPPL 1, AGP 1, HAM 1, NCP 1, SKM 1, All Jharkhand Students Union 1, Apna Dal Sonelal 1

INDIA: Congress 99, SP 37, TMC 29, DMK 22, Shiv Sena Uddhav 9, NCP Sharadchandra Pawar 8, CPM 4, RJD 4, CPI 2, IUML 3, CPIML 2, VCK 2, JMM 3, JNCN 2, Kerala Cong 1, RLP 1, Bharat Adivasi Party 1, MDMK 1, AAP 3, RSP 1

4 Ind MPs back INDIA bloc: Pappu Yadav, Chandrashekhar Azad, Vishal Patil from Sangli in Maharashtra and Ladakh MP

Modi likely to stake claim tomorrow

NEW DELHI: Caretaker PM Modi is likely to stake claim to form the government on Friday and may take oath on Saturday. The Bhutan King, Sri Lankan President and PMs of Nepal, Bangladesh and Mauritius are being invited for the oath-taking, said sources.

The media division of Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe's office said Modi had invited him. Modi also had a phone talk with Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina and invited her for the event. The sources said formal invitations for the ceremony were to be sent on Thursday. — TNS/PTI

Next step at right time, says Kharge after INDIA meet

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY
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NEW DELHI, JUNE 5 Hinting that it has not given up on the plan to form a government at the Centre, the INDIA bloc on Wednesday said it will “take appropriate step at the appropriate time to fulfil people's desire not to be ruled by the BJP government”.

Briefing reporters after a meeting of INDIA bloc constituents here, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the participants discussed the political situation in the country and made a number of suggestions.

Reading out a statement issued jointly by the allies after the meeting, Kharge said, “The constituents of the INDIA bloc thank the people of India for their overwhelming support. The people's mandate has given a befitting reply to the BJP and their politics of hate, corruption and deprivation. This is a political and moral defeat of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.”

“This is a mandate in defence of the Constitution and against price rise, unemployment and crony capitalism of the Modi government,” the statement read.

“The bloc will continue to fight against the fascist rule



INDIA bloc leaders after their meeting in New Delhi. MANAS RANJAN BHUI

MANDATE BEFITTING REPLY TO BJP'S HATE POLITICS

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of the BJP led by Modi. We will take appropriate steps at the appropriate time to realise the people's desire not to be ruled by the BJP's government,” it said.

While Mamata Banerjee and Uddhav Thackeray kept away from the meeting, it was attended by all other top leaders of the alliance.

Uddhav could not attend the meeting as all newly elected MPs were expected to meet him in Mumbai, sources

said, adding that too much should not be read into his absence as he had sent his trusted lieutenants Sanjay Raut and Arvind Sawant to represent him in the meeting.

Besides Kharge, top Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi were present in the meeting. Sharad Pawar and Supriya Sule of the NCP (Pawar), MK Stalin of the DMK, Akhilesh Yadav of the

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Knives out as AAP weighs up losses in Punjab, heads to roll

Poll strategist Pathak to chair meetings of MLAs tomorrow

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 5 With the ruling Aam Aadmi Party of Punjab suffering defeat in 60 of the 92 Assembly segments represented by its MLAs, the knives are out.

Even as Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann confined himself to his residence here since yesterday, AAP MLAs and ministers remained engaged in informal discussions on the drubbing faced by the party in the LS elections wherein it won just three of the 13 Lok Sabha seats. Incidentally, the party campaign had centred around CM Mann.

According to information

CM MANN TO MEET 3 WINNERS TODAY



To evaluate the party's poor poll performance, CM Mann has called a meeting of three winning candidates Malvinder Singh Kang (Anandpur Sahib), Raj Kumar Chabbewal (Hoshiarpur) and Gurmeet Singh Meht Hayer (Sangrur) at his residence on Thursday morning

available with *The Tribune*, a number of party leaders had sensed on the polling day itself that the party would not do well. Many of the leaders had even rushed to Delhi to meet AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal before he surrendered himself on June 2. Though they could not talk to him and express their

anguish at the poor show expected, some of them managed to convey their concern to Sandeep Pathak, the party's chief poll strategist and Rajya Sabha MP, sources said, adding that Kejriwal relies heavily on Pathak, who is now accepted as AAP's tallest leader in Delhi.

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Court rejects bail to Kejri, extends custody till June 19

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 5 A Delhi court on Wednesday denied interim bail to CM Arvind Kejriwal in a money laundering case linked to the alleged excise policy scam.

Special judge Kaveri Bawja of Rouse Avenue Courts rejected Kejriwal's request for a seven-day interim bail on medical grounds. The court sent him to judicial custody till June 19, when he will appear before the vacation judge virtually from Tihar jail at 2 pm. His plea for a regular bail will come up for hearing on June 7.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, representing the ED, opposed the

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Poor bypoll show, BJP may rework strategy

In HP, unlikely to field Ind ex-MLAs as ticket to 6 Cong turncoats proves costly

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN
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SHIMLA, JUNE 5 Having burnt its fingers in the recently held Assembly elections by fielding all six Congress turncoats, the BJP may have to exercise caution while finalising nominees for another three Assembly bypolls to be held in Nalagarh, Dehra and Hamirpur constituencies within the next six months.

With the BJP winning only two of the six bypolls — Dharamsala and Barsar — it becomes clear that the move to induct six Congress MLAs

BYELECTIONS DUE IN THREE SEGMENTS

■ BJP fielded all six Congress turncoats in the recent bypoll, but managed to win only 2

■ Move to induct turncoats didn't go down well with senior

party leaders and party cadre

■ It now remains to be seen if the BJP gives the ticket to 3 Independents who resigned as MLA and joined the party

into the party and then giving them the ticket has not gone down well with the safe party cadre.

It now remains to be seen whether the BJP will give the ticket to all three Independent MLAs — Hoshiyar Singh from Dehra in Kangra, Ashish Sharma from Hamirpur and KL Thakur

from Nalagarh in Solan — for the bypolls in these segments. The three had joined the BJP on March 23, a day after submitting their resignation to the Speaker.

With the acceptance of their resignation on June 3, the strength of the House was reduced to 65. The Congress' tally in the Vidhan Sabha after

the win in four byelection seats has gone up to 38, while the BJP has 27 MLAs.

If the BJP decides to give ticket to the new entrants, it has to face opposition from senior leaders, including former ministers Ramesh Dhawla and Ravinder Ravi (Dehra); and former MLAs Lakhvinder Rana (Nalagarh) and Narinder Thakur (Hamirpur). Rana had earlier voiced his grouse when the three were inducted into the BJP on March 23 along with six disqualified Congress legislators. The three MLAs had sat on a

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With 5 LS seats in kitty, Cong in pole position for Assembly poll

Congress-AAP alliance led in 46 Assembly segments in state, BJP in 44

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 5 Despite the BJP and Congress bagging five seats each in the Lok Sabha elections, it appears the Congress is in a dominant position ahead of the state Assembly elections, scheduled for September-October. Besides the Congress-AAP alliance having a higher vote percentage, it also leads in 46 Assembly segments as compared to the BJP which is leading in 44 segments.

The vote percentage of the INDIA bloc constituents stands at 47.61 per cent, with the Congress garnering 43.67 per cent across nine seats and the AAP securing 3.94 per cent in one seat. This is 1.5 per cent higher than the BJP's vote share of 46.11 per cent.

While the BJP experienced a dip of over 12 per cent in the vote share as compared to 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the Congress alone has seen an increase of over 15 per cent in the vote share. With a vote share of 43.67 per cent, this is the highest the Congress has achieved since 1989.

The Congress has secured a lead in all nine Assembly segments of both Rohtak and Sirsa. Additionally, it is ahead of the BJP in five Assembly segments of Ambala parliamentary seat, six in Hisar, and four in Sonapat. The party



Congress candidate Jai Prakash with his supporters in Hisar. TRIBUNE PHOTO: ASHOK KUNDU

has also garnered a lead in three Assembly segments each of Gurgaon, Faridabad, and Bhiwani-Mahendragarh.

The grand old party leads in five Assembly constituencies represented by BJP ministers, namely Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal Gujjar (Jagadhri), Power Minister Ranjit Singh (Rania), Finance Minister Jai Prakash Dalal (Loharu), Transport Minister Aseem Goel (Ambala City), and Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Bishamber Singh (Bawani Khara). However, the party has lost in all nine Assembly segments of Karnal.

The AAP has secured a lead in four segments of Kurukshetra. The BJP is ahead in 44

INDIA BLOC VOTE SHARE
1.5% MORE THAN BJP'S

■Vote share of the India bloc is 47.61 per cent, 1.5% higher than the BJP's 46.11 per cent

■While the BJP saw a dip of over 12% in the vote share as compared to 2019 Lok Sabha poll, the Congress has seen a rise of over 15%

Assembly seats.

However, the catch here is that there are 26 Assembly seats where the lead is less than 10,000, and these could sway either way during the state elections, as regional parties and local issues will also influence the outcome.

Historical data indicates that Haryana has consistently seen a spillover of Lok Sabha results into Assembly elections. After winning nine out of 10 seats in the 2004 Lok Sabha polls, the Congress came to power in subsequent Assembly elections held in February 2005, securing 67 of 90 Assembly seats.

In the 2009 Lok Sabha elections, the Congress won nine seats, and in the subsequent state Assembly elections in October same year, it retained power with 40 seats.

In the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, the Congress won just one seat, while the BJP won seven. In the subsequent Vidhan Sabha polls in October the same year, the Congress was

reduced to 15 seats, while the BJP secured 47 seats and formed the government.

In 2019, under Modi's wave, the BJP posted its best-ever performance by winning all 10 Lok Sabha seats with a vote share of 58.21 per cent. However, within four to five months, the vote share fell by 21.71 per cent as the state issues gained prominence. Nevertheless, the party secured 40 seats and managed to retain power with support from the JJP.

Professor Ashutosh Kumar from the Department of Political Science at Panjab University (PU) explains, "If the state Assembly elections are held soon after the Lok Sabha polls, parties tend to replicate their performance, as we have seen in the case of Haryana (in 2005, 2009, 2014, and 2019)."

Regarding the Haryana Lok Sabha results, he said, "The results reflect a surge for the Congress. This will increase the bargaining power of Hooda, and his rival factions within the party could be marginalised. The Congress is expected to outperform the BJP in the state Assembly elections, as state-level issues and community consolidation will play a significant role." He added, "There will be no Modi factor. It will be Hooda vs Saini, where Hooda will have the upper hand."



Women stand in a queue to cast their votes in Palwal district. FILE PHOTO

'Silent' voters leave saffron party stunned in Rohtak

RAVINDER SAINI
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ROHTAK, JUNE 5

The embarrassing debacle in the Rohtak Lok Sabha constituency has made the BJP state leadership ponder over the possible reasons behind it. The indifference of "silent" voters towards the party in both urban and rural areas has reportedly left it stunned.

A large number of "silent" voters, especially non-Jats in urban areas, shifted towards the Congress, assisting it in securing a victory with a margin of around 3.45 lakh votes.

"Multiple reasons are to blame for the BJP's defeat in Rohtak. Besides national issues like unemployment, inflation and the Agnipath scheme, urbanites are annoyed with the BJP government over scarcity of potable water, erratic power supply, flaws in family and property IDs, withholding

KEY FACTORS AT PLAY

Multiple reasons are to blame for the BJP's defeat in Rohtak. Besides national issues like unemployment, inflation and Agnipath scheme, urbanites are annoyed with the BJP government over scarcity of potable water, erratic power supply, flaws in family and property IDs, withholding of social security pension etc.

of social security pension etc," said a political analyst.

"Deepender's clean image, courteous nature and his remarkable performance as MP during the Hooda regime from 2005 to 2014 helped him get votes from various sections. The landslide victory is a proof that he managed to poll votes from all communities," he added. BJP's incharge for the Rohtak Lok Sabha seat Ashok Khurana conceded that shifting of a major section of "silent" voters towards the Congress came as a bolt from the blue for the party.

"No one had expected this trend, especially in urban

areas where people believe in the BJP's policies. The exact reasons behind the BJP's defeat in Rohtak, Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar, Kalanaur and Kosli will be known later, but it seems local issues dominated the national perspective, helping the Congress emerge victorious," he said.

Khurana admitted that people were compelled to make rounds of government offices due to various issues pertaining to property and family IDs, property tax assessment, pension and drinking water shortage, despite the state government's efforts to resolve such issues.

Hooda urges Governor to dismiss 'minority' BJP govt

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ROHTAK, JUNE 5

Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda has urged the Governor to dismiss the "minority" BJP government in Haryana and hold elections to the state Assembly at the earliest.

"It will be better if the BJP regime in the state resigns itself on moral grounds. However, if it does not, then the Governor should dismiss the government as it has lost its majority status," Hooda said at a media interaction in Rohtak on Wednesday.

Launching a scathing attack on the BJP, Hooda accused the ruling party of resorting to dividing the residents on the basis of their caste and religion. The Leader of Opposition commended the people of Haryana for not falling prey to BJP's deceptive strategies.

He thanked the state residents for unitedly voting in favour of the Congress, effectively debunking BJP's ambitious slogan of crossing 400 seats.

"Electoral success is achieved through hard work and not by mere slogans," he said, adding that the BJP's slogans are losing steam and the people are making them



Former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda at a press conference in Rohtak on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

QUIT ON MORAL GROUNDS

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aware of the ground reality.

Underlining the significant improvement in the electoral performance of the Congress, Hooda said the INDI Alliance got 47.61 per cent votes in Haryana, the highest in the country.

He said the Congress vote share had recorded a remarkable increase from 28 per cent in 2019 to almost 48 per cent in 2024, while the BJP's vote share saw a decline from 58 per cent to 46 per cent.

This shift, Hooda asserted, indicated a strong anti-incumbency wave in Haryana, predicting a Con-

gress victory in the forthcoming Assembly elections.

He said Haryana, which used to be on the top in terms of per capita income, investment, employment generation and development during the Congress rule, now tops the charts in unemployment, crime, corruption and drug-addiction under the BJP regime.

He criticised the BJP government for having failed in carrying out infrastructural development or bringing projects to Haryana over the past decade despite amassing a debt of Rs 4.5 lakh crore.

Two of 3 turncoats fielded by BJP bite the dust

DEEPENDER DESWAL
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HISAR, JUNE 5

The BJP's ploy to field three turncoats - Independent MLA Ranjit Singh from Hisar and former Congress MP from Sirsa Ashok Tanwar - at the last moment failed to yield results as both candidates lost the elections. According to party sources, the new entrants could not adapt to the BJP's culture, which resulted in several issues during the electioneering.

The third candidate, former Congress MP Naveen Jindal, won from the Kurukshetra seat for the saffron party.

Singh had won the 2019 Assembly elections as an Independent from the Rania Assembly constituency in Sirsa. Later, he extended support to the saffron party and served as the Energy Minister. Jindal had taken a hiatus from politics after he lost the 2014 Lok Sabha poll as a Congress candidate. Both Singh and Jindal had simultaneously joined the BJP in Sirsa and Delhi,

WINNERS

LOSERS

Naveen Jindal

Ranjit Singh

Ashok Tanwar

respectively on March 24 and were instantly declared the party candidates.

Singh, who is the son of former Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal, lost the poll by 63,381 votes to the Congress' Jai Prakash. In a press conference, Singh said he would write a letter to the party leadership about the "role" of some party leaders in Hisar during the campaign.

Meanwhile, in Sirsa, Ashok Tanwar even proved worse for the party as he lost by the second highest margin (after Rohtak) to the Congress can-

didate and former Union Minister, Kumari Selja. Selja defeated Tanwar by a margin of 2,68,497 votes.

Tanwar, too, has pointed fingers at government employees and some party leaders in Sirsa. However, he later retracted from his statements regarding the party workers. However, it was evident from the campaign that he was unable to gel with the party workers. Tanwar's old rivalry with Sirsa MLA Gopal Kanda, too, came as a handicap in the smooth campaigning process even though

both leaders tried to show off their new-found friendship among people.

According to political experts, Jindal, the third of the turncoat, however, managed to scrape through by a thin margin of 22,021 votes over his nearest rival AAP candidate Sushil Gupta. "Jindal got a blessing in disguise in INLD candidate Abhay Singh Chautala, who secured about 78,000 votes, which is stated to be a loss for the AAP leader, who was a joint candidate of the INDIA bloc," an expert said.

Bahus' blow to Ranjit Singh?

Was it the performance of Chautala "bahus" that spoiled the chances of their father-in-law Ranjit Singh (Devi Lal's son) of BJP of winning the elections in the Sirsa Lok Sabha constituency. He lost to Congress' Jai Prakash by 63,381 votes. Both Chautala "bahus" - JJP candidate Naina Chautala (wife of Ajay Chautala) and INLD nominee Sunaina Chautala (wife of Ravi Chautala) secured a total of 44,335 votes. Sunaina polled 22,303 votes while Naina got 22,032 votes. Thus, people calculated that their collective votes could have inflicted a body blow to Singh's prospects in the elections. Ranjit and his two "bahus" had reached out to the voters by staking the claim for the legacy of Devi Lal. Interestingly, Sunaina edged past Naina in the number game as the former got 271 more votes than the latter, who is the mother of former Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala.

Only 20 out of 223 LS poll candidates managed to save security deposit

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KARNAL, JUNE 5

Apart from the BJP and INDIA bloc nominees, no other candidate managed to save his/her security deposit in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections in Haryana.

Out of the 223 candidates across 10 constituencies in the state, only those who secured the first or second place retained their deposits, while the remaining 203 candidates failed to garner the required number of votes and thus forfeited their deposits.

The electoral contest in all 10 constituencies was predominantly a two-candidate race between the BJP and INDIA bloc candidates.

As per election rules, a candidate must secure more than one-sixth of the valid votes polled in his constituency to save the deposit.

43,542 OPT FOR NOTA

43,542 voters chose the 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option in the LS poll in the state, indicating their dissatisfaction with all candidates

6,417 voters opted for NOTA in Gurugram; 5,287 in Bhiwani-Mahendragarh;

6,821 in Faridabad; 3,366 in Hisar; 6,452 in Ambala; 2,320 in Sonapat; 3,955 in Karnal; 2,362 in Rohtak; 4,123 in Sirsa; and 2,439 in Kurukshetra

1,113 voters chose NOTA during the Karnal Assembly byelection



Every general category candidate has to make a security deposit of Rs 25,000 for the Lok Sabha elections, while the amount in case of SC/ST candidates is Rs 12,500. For the Assembly elections, general category and SC/ST candidates have to deposit Rs 10,000 and Rs 5,000, respectively.

In the Karnal Lok Sabha constituency, out of 19 candi-

dates, only BJP's Manohar Lal Khattar and Congress' Divyanshu Budhiraja saved their deposits, while in Kurukshetra only BJP's Naveen Jindal and AAP's Dr Sushil Gupta saved their deposits from among 31 candidates in the fray.

There were 22 candidates for the Sonapat Lok Sabha seat, but only Congress candidate Satpal Brahmachari

and BJP's Mohan Lal Badoli saved their deposits. In Rohtak, Congress' Deepender Singh Hooda and BJP's Dr Arvind Sharma saved their deposits from among 26 candidates. Congress' Varun Chaudhary and BJP's Banto Kataria saved their deposits out of 14 candidates in Ambala.

Of the 28 candidates for the Hisar seat, only Congress' Jai Parkash and BJP's Ranjit Singh saved their deposits, while BJP's Krishan Pal and Congress' Mahender Pratap Singh saved their deposits out of 24 candidates in Faridabad.

There were 17 candidates for the Bhiwani-Mahendragarh seat, but only BJP's Dharambir Singh and Congress' Rao Dan Singh saved their deposits there. In the Gurgaon constituency, only BJP's Rao Indrajeet Singh and Congress' Raj Babbar saved their deposits.

BJP leaders review loss in Sonapat

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PANIPAT, JUNE 5

A day after the election results, the BJP leaders today reviewed the party's situation and reasons behind the defeat of Sonapat candidate Mohan Lal Badoli. He was defeated by 21,816 votes.

BJP's state general secretary (organisation) Phanindra Nath Sharma, general secretary Dr Archana Gupta, BJP MLA and Lok Sabha candidate Mohan Lal Badoli, BJP's district president Jasbeer Dodwa were among those present during the review meeting.

Phaninder Nath Sharma said the BJP lost the seat with a narrow margin, but the party workers worked hard to strengthen the organisation. He said if all workers work hard like this then the BJP would definitely form the government for the third time in the upcoming Assembly elections in the state.

Gurjar shines in Cong bastion

BIJENDRA AHLWAT
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FARIDABAD, JUNE 5

BJP leader Krishan Pal Gurjar, who won by a margin of around 1.72 lakh votes from Faridabad, did exceptionally well in various Assembly constituencies where anti-incumbency was at its peak.

He registered an impressive performance in six out of nine segments falling under the Faridabad Lok Sabha constituency. While the Assembly segments of Faridabad, NIT, Badkhal, Tigaon, Ballabgarh and Palwal gave a winning margin, his rival Mahender Pratap Singh of the Congress got more votes



Krishan Pal Gurjar

in the three segments of Prithla, Hodal and Hathin - all in Palwal district. The urban segments gave a considerable margin to the BJP while the Congress got more votes in the rural segments.

"However, the victory margin of BJP in various seg-

ments was sprang a surprise to many who believed that unrest and anger on the issue of development and undercurrent of displeasure prevalent among leaders of both ruling and opposition parties failed to get reflected in the vote share," says AK Gaur, a local resident. He said the victory of BJP candidate from the NIT Assembly segment, considered a stronghold of Congress MLA Neeraj Sharma, had been surprising as the vote share from here has been 41,690. A similar performance in Palwal has left many perplexed as the BJP got 24,944 votes more than the Congress from there.

BJP's Rao Inderjit blames state govt for dip in his margin

SUMEDHA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

GURUGRAM, JUNE 5
Perturbed over his winning margin being way less than expected, BJP MP Rao Inderjit Singh has blamed the state government for the party's poor performance in Gurgaon. While talking to *The Tribune*, he said the winning margin highlighted angst of local citizens against the state government, which was earlier led by Manohar Lal Khattar and now by Nayab Singh Saini.

"The votes that we got were for the Centre's initiatives and projects. However, we underperformed in many key pockets, which were our strongholds, due to the poor performance of the state government. While people voted for Singh, Modi, Dwarka Expressway, AIIMS and Metro, they voted against us for power and sanitation crises. Though Gurgaon accounts for around 70 per cent of the state's revenue, the city is in civic mess. In the run-up to elections, sanitation, power and other infrastructure was at

its lowest and the state government ignored it and thus people expressed their angst through votes," he said.

The only six-time MP from Haryana, Singh is known to have his set of differences with the state government, especially with Khattar in the past 10 years. Singh has openly accused the government of being indifferent to South Haryana, especially Ahirwal and Gurugram.

"I represent a set of people and voice their concerns. If there is any difference of opinion on needs of my constituency and people's welfare, I see it as a healthy dissent and not rebellion. As party is in a review mode, it needs to look at the treatment meted out to Gurugram and loss it caused," he added. Singh's supporters have complained to the party high command about how several local leaders of the 'Khattar camp' remained absent from election campaign and failed to mobilise voters in stronghold pockets. They have demanded a special review of Sohna Assembly seat where Singh scored a lead of meagre 5,000 votes.

Day after results, BJP MLAs favour e-tendering rollback

GEETAN JALI GAYATRI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 5
Favouring complete or partial rollback of the e-tendering process for development works in villages, the BJP legislators unanimously complained against delay in the implementation of various projects.

The rollback suggestion was made at a meeting of the BJP legislature party chaired by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini here today. This comes a day after the Lok Sabha poll results in which the party could win only five of the 10 seats, seeing 12 per cent drop in its vote share.

At the meeting held at the CM's residence, the MLAs maintained that there was growing resentment in rural areas due to e-tendering since works were not being implemented despite sanctioning of requisite funds, sources said.

Sarpanches took to the roads when the government launched this process for development works to be undertaken in panchayats maintaining that a majority of the projects had come to a standstill. The same senti-



TWO BJP LEGISLATORS CALL ON CM

- Two Jannayak Janta Party MLAs, Jai Ram Sihag and Ram Niwas, called on the Chief Minister at his residence and attended the dinner organised for the BJP MLAs.
- The meeting assumes significance since Saini is presently leading a "minority" government in the state and the Opposition is pressing for a floor test.

ment was echoed by the MLAs who favoured reverting to the policy where sarpanches had the authority to carry out works up to Rs 20 lakh on their own. The BDPO called ten-

ders of projects worth more than Rs 20 lakh.

The MLAs also flagged their concerns regarding slow redressal of complaints related to Parivar Pehchan Patras

(PPPs). Faulty entries and slow disposal of complaints resulted in denial of benefits to the beneficiaries under various schemes, which was adversely impacting the party and the government's image, they said.

The MLAs reportedly suggested that instead of centralising redressal of complaints at the headquarters, the system should be decentralised and the districts should be given the power to redress grievances related to wrong entries.

The MLAs urged the CM to look into harassment being faced by the people due to property IDs and give directions to the officials to settle all pending cases at the earliest.

Deliberations were also held on the Lok Sabha poll results. Most of the MLAs were of the opinion that retaining five seats after two terms was a "favourable result" and the party should work on consolidating its position over the next three months. The party has reportedly also directed the ministers to organise night stays in villages, reach out to disenfranchised workers and take them along, besides making themselves easily accessible to public.



HC raps judge for casual approach in ordering conviction

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 5
Judges acting in a casual manner at times has been a matter of surmise for long. However, an order passed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court has confirmed that an Additional District and Sessions Judge's court acted in a casual and lackadaisical manner in convicting an accused for an offence he was never chargesheeted for.

Justice Manisha Batra said such conduct was not expected from an Additional Sessions Judge, who is assumed to be a knowledgeable and experienced judicial officer. The judgment is significant as it highlights concerning lapses within the system, where procedural diligence and adherence to proper legal standards are paramount.

"Interestingly and strangely, the trial court had also held the accused guilty of committing an offence punishable under Section 452 of the IPC (trespass) without noting that the accused had never been chargesheeted under this Section. By holding the accused guilty under Section 452, the trial court is shown to have adopted a very casual and lackadaisical approach, which is not expected from an officer of the rank of Additional Sessions Judge, who is assumed to be an experienced

ACCUSED WAS NEVER CHARGESHEETED

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officer," Justice Batra said.

The matter was placed before Justice Batra after the accused appealed against his conviction and 10-year RI sentence for a rape-related offence under Section 376(2)(n) of the IPC in October 2023. The Bench was also told that the accused was sentenced to another seven years under Section 452 of the IPC. An FIR was registered in Faridabad.

After hearing arguments and reviewing the case record, Justice Batra concluded that the trial court's findings were liable to be reversed. No positive, cogent, convincing, reliable, and direct incriminating evidence had come on record to prove that the accused at any point in time criminally intimidated the complainant or repeatedly committed rape on her. Justice Batra added that the evidence produced did not make out any case for the commission of an offence punishable under Section 452 against the accused. The trial court's findings holding the appellant-accused guilty of the offence under this provision of law were not sustainable "at all".

It's rebirth, excited to get a new identity after 20 yrs: Pak migrant

Nine-member family gets citizenship certificates under the CAA

PRADEEP SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 5
"It's a rebirth for our family, excited to get new identity after over 20 years," says teary-eyed sexagenarian Suba Ram, a migrant from Pakistan, whose nine-member family got citizenship certificates under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act today.

In fact, getting Indian citizenship seems to be a dream come true for the family, which has been facing identity crisis since May 4, 2004, when it landed in India after being persecuted in Pakistan.

Hailing from the Lahia area of Kotla Mughlan in Punjab province, Suba Ram's family owned about 12 acres and led a "comfortable" life. After 2000, locals started harassing them on one pretext or other.

"We were called kafirs (infidels) and repeated attempts were made to convert us to Islam. As we resisted, locals started committing atrocities on us. The



Suba Ram, a migrant from Pakistan, gets a citizenship certificate under CAA from Census Operations Director Lalit Jain in Chandigarh.

FACED ATROCITIES IN PAKISTAN

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Suba Ram, A MIGRANT FROM PAKISTAN

administration turned a blind eye to our plight," Suba Ram, said in a choked voice as he preferred not to discuss his past further.

Facing persecution at their native place and with hardly any other option, the family fled from Lahia and boarded the Samjhauta Express from Lahore on May 4, 2004. They landed in Panipat and ultimately settled in the Kalanaur area of

Rohtak district where they earned their livelihood by doing odd jobs, including working as labourers.

Meanwhile, a sombre atmosphere prevailed here today where the family was presented with the citizenship certificates by Lalit Jain, state Director, Census Operations and Director Citizen Registration, who is also the chairman of the empowered committee.

As Suba Ram and his family members profusely blessed the 2011 batch IAS officer of the Himachal cadre, Jain also got emotional and termed this as one of the finest moments of his civil services journey. "Bringing smile on someone's face is the privilege we civil servants always cherish. However, today's occasion was so special that I would cherish it for my lifetime," Jain told *The Tribune*.

Acute staff shortage hits power supply

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, JUNE 5
With around 90 per cent posts of linemen lying vacant, the Faridabad circle of Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN) is facing a tough time to ensure maintenance of the power supply system. Complaints of power line breakdown or faults have surged with the onset of summer.

Sources said 59 linemen, who were responsible for rectification of faults, were working in the circle against the total sanctioned posts of 602.

As the circle gets more than 100 complaints in an hour, the sources said, staff like assistant foreman and junior engineer (electrical) were also being sent to attend the complaints and restore power supply.

Similarly, 56.30 per cent regular posts of assistant linemen, 29.8 per cent posts of assistant foreman and 67.6 per cent posts of junior engineer have been vacant for the past many months.

Rectification of faults like fuse replacement, repairing of the broken lines, damaged poles and transformers may take two to three times of duration due to shortage of the staff, it is claimed.

"It took more than 30 hours to repair an uprooted line that affected the supply recently," said Nirantar, a resident of a Greater Faridabad colony.

"The shortage of technical staff results in delays in attending breakdowns in the network," said Satpal Narwat, a former employee of the department. He said lack of a proper field staff recruitment policy was responsible for the crisis.

Subhash Lamba, general secretary of All India Electricity Employees Federation, said lack of regular recruitment against vacant posts has led to the problem getting acute.

Naresh Kakkar, Superintending Engineer, DHBVN, said the issue was being dealt with as per the official policy, and measures were in place to ensure smooth functioning of the department.

Delay in connection of new tubewells, farmers a harried lot

NITISH SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KURUKSHETRA, JUNE 5
With the paddy sowing season about to begin, a delay in the installation of tubewell connections in agricultural fields has become a matter of concern for the paddy farmers who had applied for new connections in Pehowa subdivision of Kurukshetra.

Some farmers said while electricity poles had been installed in the fields, the transformers and cables were yet to be installed.

Jai Singh, a paddy farmer from Kainthla village, said, "I had applied for the new tubewell connection few months ago but so far only the pole has been installed and the sowing period is about to begin. There are a number of farmers who are facing a similar situation." He said if the connection was not installed in time, the farmers would face difficulty in the paddy season and losses.

Satnam Kumar, another farmer said, "I had applied for a new connection for my

WORK IN PROGRESS

"The work is in progress and all efforts are being made to complete the work within this month.

Dhupinder Singh, IEN, (OPERATIONS), PEHOWA UTAR HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM

eight-acre land. The contractor has got all the equipment but only the electricity poles have been installed. We have requested the officials repeatedly to get the transformer installed but to no avail."

Prince Waraich, spokesman of BK Union (C), said, "We have raised the issue with the officials of the Power Department and the district administration. If the contractor has got the equipment, he should increase the number of labourers and get new connections installed otherwise the union will be forced to hold a meeting and give a call for protest."

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(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of

Sh. Rajesh Kumar Mehta

Additional District and Sessions Judge, Panipat

Satyavir Dutt @ Satbir

Versus

General Public

CNR No.: HRP001-000585-2024

CA/29/2024

Next Date: 14.08.2024

First appeal Under Section 96 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (in short "CPC") against the impugned judgment & decree dated 03.01.2024 passed by Sh. Sandeep Chauhan, Ld. A.C.J. (S. D.), Panipat in Civil Suit No. 551 of 2022 titled as Satyavir Dutt and another versus General Public whereby the suit of the appellants/ plaintiffs was dismissed with further prayer to accept the appeal after setting aside the aforesaid impugned judgment and decree and consequently, decree the suit of the appellants/ plaintiffs.

Publication issued to:

General Public

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 14.08.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

For details login to https://hichcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=panipat Dated, this day of 20.05.2024.

Sd/- Additional District and Sessions Judge,

Panipat.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of

Gaurav Kumar Sharma

Civil Judge (Junior Division), Phillaur

Nagina Singh S/o Joginder Singh S/o Kishan Singh permanent R/o USA at present R/o Village Bath, PO Chuheki, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

Versus

Nimal Singh S/o Gian Chand S/o Kishan Singh

CS/239/2021

CNR No. PBJB0-000300-2021

Next Date: 16.07.2024

The plaintiff prays for permanent injunction against Defendant No. restraining him/ him from

Publication issued to: 4. Rinku D/o Surjit Singh S/o Gian Chand S/o Kishan Singh, 5. Neetu D/o Surjit Singh S/o Gian Chand S/o Kishan Singh both R/o Village Bath, PO Chuheki, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar also R/o House No. 2/1-A, Ahmad Mamm Ji Street, District Howrah, Kolkata.

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Ensuring free power during paddy season a challenge for govt

AMAN SOOD
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, JUNE 5

After the Lok Sabha poll results, the AAP government in Punjab faces another litmus test when it starts with free power for paddy fields, beginning Monday. The power demand is likely to touch a new high with paddy sowing set to begin on June 10. Farmers will be supplied power for eight hours a day, as has been done in the past seasons.

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Sd/-

Authorized Officer

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

CORRIGENDUM

Ref : Global Tender Enquiry Notice No. P/IEP/23-24/06

Following changes are made:-

Sr. No.	Equipment/Item Name	Original Bid Submission Date	Revised Bid Submission Date	Original Bid Opening Date
10.	Fully Automated IHC Stainer	06.06.2024	06.07.2024	07.06.2024

Revised Bid Opening Date:- 07.07.2024

Dept. Name:- Histopathology

All other details shall remain the same. D1-3321 Professor In-Charge (EP)

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CORRIGENDUM

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D1-3323

Sd/- PRINCIPAL

PM SHRI JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA LONGOWAL DISTT. SANGRUR (PB)

Engagement of PGT-Yoga on Contract Basis for the Academic Session 2024-25

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Sd/- Principal,

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Invitation of Tenders through E-procurement system

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S.No.	Tender No.	Description	Quantity	Due date
1.	94245577	LIGHT WEIGHT PORTABLE LED BASED TOWER LIGHT (TELESCOPIC) with Genset and Battery bank. Technical Specification as per Annexure attached	15+10+25	24.06.2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(Petition No. 125/2024)

The following petition has been filed by the Electricity Wing of Engineering Department, Chandigarh (EWEDC) for approval:

Petition for approval of True-up of FY 2021-22, Annual Performance Review (APR) of FY 2023-24, Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) and Tariff Proposal for FY 2024-25 of the Electricity Wing of Engineering Department, UT, Chandigarh (EWEDC) u/s 45, 46, 61, 62 and 64, and JERC (Generation, Transmission and Distribution Multi-Year Tariff) Regulations 2018, and JERC (Generation, Transmission and Distribution Multi-Year Tariff) Regulations 2021.

The aforesaid Petition has been admitted as Petition No. 125/2024 and is available on the Commission's website, i.e., www.jercuts.gov.in and also on the Petitioner's website, i.e., www.chdengineering.gov.in

Interested persons may give their objections/suggestions/ comments on the above Petition, in person/registered post addressed to - **The Secretary, JERC (For the State of Goa & UTs) 3rd & 4th Floor, Plot No. 55-56, Udyog Vihar Phase IV, Sector 18, Gurugram, Haryana – 122015** or through e-mail at mail id - secy.jercuts@gov.in and raenggt1-jercuts@govcontractor.in on or before 21 days of circulation of this notice with a copy to the **Superintending Engineer, Electricity Operation Circle, 5th Floor, UT Secretariat, Deluxe Building, Sector 9-D, UT, Chandigarh – 160009** or through e-mail at email id: seleecty@gmail.com

The schedule of public hearing is detailed below:

Date	Time	Venue
21.06.2024	11:00 A.M.	Lecture Hall/Auditorium of the Govt. Museum and Art Gallery, Sector 10-C, Chandigarh

Sd/- (S.D Sharma)
Secretary (I/c), JERC

CBC 34124/120007/2425

Kerala breached, Punjab BJP's new frontier, party vows introspection

PM Modi mentions farmers in his maiden speech after LS poll results

ADITI TANDON

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5


"We are ready for a long haul in Punjab," says a BJP leader after the border state emerged as the new frontier for saffron forces when they thought they would make history on June 4 by winning at least one Parliament seat across all states of India, thereby becoming a truly pan-nation force.

However, Punjab halted that march, even though Kerala, a long-held Left and Congress fortress, was finally breached on Tuesday, with actor Suresh Gopi becoming the first-ever BJP MP from the southern state.

The lone Kerala win was as stunning for the BJP as the fact that it drew a blank in Punjab, which gave seven seats to the Congress, three to AAP one to the Akali Dal and two to radicals.

"The Punjab results will stun you," Prime Minister Narendra Modi had told *The Tribune* in a recent interview.

The stunner that came was certainly not the one the BJP was hoping for after the government opened the Kartarpur corridor for devotees, scrapped the GST on langar, declared December 26 as Veer Bal Divas in memory of Guru Gobind Singh's sons, who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty, and held regular and massive outreaches with the Sikh community at



WILL MAKE FARMERS SELF-RELIANT

"We will keep prioritising the task of modernising agriculture, right from the level of the purchase of seeds to sale in the market. From pulses to edible oils, we will constantly work to make our farmers self-reliant."

Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

WILL FULFIL PEOPLE'S ASPIRATIONS

"We will work resiliently in Punjab, identify the aspirations of the people and work to fulfil those."

- A BJP leader

Baffled by the rout in the state, where it contested the Lok Sabha poll on its own for the first time since 1997, BJP leaders admit that farmers' issues may have resonated more deeply than thought. FILE

regular intervals. Baffled by a complete rout in the state, where it was contesting national elections on its own for the first time since 1997, BJP leaders admit that farmers' issues could have resonated more deeply than was thought. That explains why Modi, in his victory speech at the BJP headquarters on Tuesday, made a special mention of the farmers.

"We will keep prioritising the task of modernising agriculture from the level of purchase of seeds to the level of sales in the markets. From pulses to edible oils, we will constantly work to

make our farmers self-reliant," said the PM, hailing the NDA's third term at the Centre as a historic mandate, one that has come for the first time for any government since 1962.

The party leaders vowed deep introspection of the Punjab results, with the state high on the PM's personal agenda.

In 2019, Sunny Deol and Som Prakash had won on the BJP ticket in Punjab's Gurdaspur and Hoshiarpur, respectively. This time, all BJP candidates lost the elections with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's prediction that "all defectors

Expect rain, thunderstorm for four days

VIJAY MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 5

Amidst above normal temperatures prevailing in the region, the Weather Department has predicted that some parts of north-west India could experience rain and thunderstorms over the next four days.

Dust storm or thunderstorm along with lightning and gusty winds with speed of 50-60 kmph at isolated places in Punjab are expected till June 7, according to a bulletin issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on June 5. Heat wave conditions are also likely at isolated places.

During the past 24 hours, the maximum temperature recorded in Punjab ranged from 39.7°C at Their Dam near Pathankot to 45.8°C at Faridkot. "Yesterday, there was fall of 1.2°C in average maximum temperature in Punjab. However, it was appreciably above normal by 3.2 degrees," the bulletin said.

The minimum temperatures during this period ranged from 26°C at Rupnagar to 30.4°C at Mohali. "As compared to yesterday, there is a rise of 2.7°C in average minimum temperature. It is appreciably above normal by 4 degrees in the state," the bulletin added.

According to the IMD, a western disturbance is seen as a cyclonic circulation over Afghanistan in lower tropospheric levels.

Wake-up call for AAP; led in just 32 Assembly segments

RUCHIKA M KHANNA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 5

The Lok Sabha elections in Punjab should be a wake-up call for the ruling Aam Aadmi Party. Had the Punjab Vidhan Sabha elections been held now, the party, which got a thumping majority in the 2022 Assembly poll, would have been reduced to just a 32-member party in the state Assembly.

AAP had won 92 of the 117 Assembly seats in the Vidhan Sabha elections, promising "badlav". Since the change has not been felt by the voters of the state, the party has lost in 60 of the Assembly segments it won in 2022, a perusal of the Assembly-wise performance of each party in the Lok Sabha poll has revealed.

Eight of the ministers in the AAP government have also trailed in their own Assembly segments. The party also trailed in Budhla-da, the constituency of Punjab AAP working president Budh Ram. The ruling party in Punjab has scored the second position in 54 seats, and managed a vote share of 26.02 per cent.

The Congress has not only won the highest number of seats (seven) in the Lok Sabha elections in Punjab, but an Assembly-wise data analysis of the poll results, declared on Tuesday, also reveals that the party took a lead in 38 Assem-

AAP had won 92 of the 117 Assembly seats in the Vidhan Sabha poll.

Party	Lead in Assembly segments	* In eight Assembly segments of Khadoor Sahib, Independent candidate Amritpal led, while in seven segments of Faridkot, another Independent Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa led
■ AAP	32	
■ Cong	38	
■ BJP	23	
■ SAD	9	

bly segments. Just two years ago, the party had managed to win just 18 seats. This was down from the 77 seats the party won in the 2017 Assembly poll.

Interestingly, though PPCC chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring won the LS poll from Ludhiana, the Congress was at the third spot in his own Assembly segment of Gidderbaha, where Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa, son of Indira Gandhi's assassin Beant Singh, got the lead.

The most interesting revelation in the data is the lead obtained by the BJP in 23 Assembly segments. Though the party scored a duck in the LS poll, it increased its vote share to 18.56 per cent. The party also bagged the second place in nine seats. The party got the lead in urban centres, besides satellite towns of Mohali and Patiala, and Bathinda, Abohar, Balluana and Ferozepur city. In the current Vidhan Sabha, the party has just two MLAs.

The SAD, which managed to win just its family borough of Bathinda, in the Lok Sabha elections, got a lead in nine Assembly segments, and was second in six. Its influence, according to the data, is restricted to just Bathinda and Ferozepur. The party has just three MLAs in the current Vidhan Sabha.

'Mandate against AAP': Cong seeks CM's resignation

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 5

Leader of the Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa today sought the resignation of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and after people's mandate against the Aam Aadmi Party in the Lok Sabha elections.

Addressing a joint press conference with PCC chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, he said while the CM should resign for "non-performance", state BJP chief Sunil Jakhar

should resign from his post for trying to "polarise" the people of the state for "ulterior or political gains".

Complementing the PCC chief for the party's performance, Bajwa said, "The success came after we put our house in order and dealt with certain issues."

Warring said at the national level, people had given a mandate against the BJP, while in the state, the ruling AAP had been rejected.

Warring said Bajwa was like "a big brother" who

worked as a team with him to ensure the party's win in the LS poll.

He said the next challenge for the party was the 2027 Assembly poll. "People of Punjab have already given their mandate for the Congress and we are on track to form the government after the next Assembly poll," he said.

He said the state Congress had opposed an alliance with AAP and it would continue to challenge the ruling party, despite both parties being part of the INDIA bloc.

Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring and LoP Partap S Bajwa in Chandigarh.

No lead in 61 segments, Cong draws solace from 14% rise in vote share

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 5
The Congress has lost all four Lok Sabha seats but it is drawing solace from the fact that its vote share in the current elections has risen by over 14 per cent to 41.67 per cent compared to 27.5 per cent in the 2019 elections.

The party's vote share has increased despite the fact that Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, eight ministers and five Chief Parliamentary Secretaries could not secure a lead for the Congress candidates in their home constituencies.

The Congress managed to secure a lead in only seven of the 68 Assembly segments, namely Kinnaur, Lahaul-Spiti, Rampur, Rohru, Jubbhal-Kotkhai, Anni and Haroli. Even the Chief Minister

VOTE PERCENTAGE IN LOK SABHA ELECTIONS		
Year	BJP (%)	Cong (%)
■ 2024	56.54	41.67
■ 2019	69.7	27.5
■ 2014	53.9	41.1
■ 2009	49.6	45.6
■ 2004	44.2	51.9
■ 1999	46.3	39.5
■ 1998	51.4	41.9
■ 1996	54.3	39.6
■ 1991	42.8	46.2
■ 1989	45.3	42.0
■ 1984	67.6	23.3
■ 1980	45.3	42.0
■ 1977	57.2 (BID)	38.6
■ 1971	-	75.8

could not stop Narendra Modi's magic from working for the BJP in his home segment of Nadaun, where BJP candidate Anurag Thakur got a lead of 2,143 votes.

Sukhu said, "Yes, I agree we could not win the Lok Sabha elections but in the

Assembly byelections, people rejected the BJP for its attempts to destabilise our government. Our strength has gone up from 34 to 38 in the Assembly." He added that it was interesting to see how people voted for the Congress in the Assembly byelections

and for the BJP in the Lok Sabha elections.

In fact, state BJP president Rajeev Bindal had sought Sukhu's resignation on the ground that the Congress had failed to get a lead in 61 of the 68 Assembly segments.

It is in the Assembly segments of Kinnaur (8,562), Lahaul-Spiti (6,876), Rampur (21,437), Rohru (9,045) and Anni (8,328) that Congress candidate Vikramaditya Singh managed to get a lead due to his father and former Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh's close connect with the people of these areas.

In fact, Virbhadra used to contest elections from Rohru before it was reserved for Scheduled Castes in the 2012 delimitation of seats, forcing him to shift to the Shimla (Rural) segment.

The BJP had registered a

mammoth win in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections by polling 69.70 per cent votes, the highest in the country.

While Kangra candidate Kishan Kapoor had won by a margin of 4.77 lakh votes, Anurag Thakur had won by a margin of 3.99 lakh votes.

In fact, the BJP had got a lead in each of the 68 Assembly segments in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

The Congress also got a lead of 5,937 votes in the Jubbhal-Kotkhai Assembly constituency of Education Minister Rohit Thakur and 1,535 votes in the Haroli segment represented by Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri.

The Congress could not get a lead even in one Assembly segment in Kangra and Chamba districts which are part of the Kangra Lok Sabha seat.

Anurag's political stature to grow with 5th victory

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 5
The defeat of Congress turncoat Rajinder Rana, who was the BJP candidate in the Assembly byelection, while Union Minister Anurag Thakur got a massive lead of 23,853 votes in Sujampur was a 'sweet revenge' of people for the defeat of former Chief Minister PK Dhumal in the 2017 elections.

The people of Sujampur gave an overwhelming mandate to Anurag while Rajinder Rana lost the Sujampur bypoll. Rana had defeated Dhumal, two-time Chief Minister, in 2017, depriving him of a third term in office. The BJP high command had declared Dhumal as the chief ministerial face but the defeat at the hands of Rana changed the politics of Himachal and catapulted Jai Ram Thakur to the top post.

The huge support for the Dhumal family in Sujampur becomes even more significant against the backdrop of Rajinder Rana's defeat by a margin of 2,440 votes in the byelection. Rana had



PK Dhumal blesses his son Anurag Thakur.

won the Sujampur seat as an Independent candidate in the 2012 Assembly elections and later joined the Congress. He joined the BJP after he along with five other Congress MLAs were disqualified earlier this year.

Anurag has proved his mettle by winning five consecutive Lok Sabha elections. His had won the seat for the first time in the 2007 parliamentary byelection. His vote share had risen from 53.47 per cent in the 2007 Lok Sabha byelection to 69.04 per cent in the 2019 elections.

Anurag has carved a niche for himself both in the party and the Union Government and his stature is likely to grow.

It was an emotional moment for Anurag yesterday when he returned home after winning the election and sought his father's blessings. The picture shared by him on his social media handle has gone viral. His younger brother Arun Dhumal, at present the Chairman of the IPL, and former minister Virender Kanwar from Kuthlehar in Una were present there.

₹295-cr tunnel to ease traffic congestion in Shimla

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SHIMLA, JUNE 5
Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said that to ease traffic congestion in Shimla city, a double-lane tunnel would be constructed on the Circular Road to connect Nav-Bahar to the Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) and Hospital.

Sukhu, while presiding over a meeting of the Public Works Department (PWD), said that the 890-m tunnel under Jakhu hills would be constructed at a cost of Rs 295 crore. "The tunnel is being



CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu presides over a meeting of the Public Works Department in Shimla on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

constructed to get rid of traffic congestion on Shimla roads, especially during the tourist season," he added.

"To achieve the goal, the process of land acquisition will commence within one week and Rs 122 crore has

been allocated for the widening and strengthening of the Circular Road," he added.

He said that parking infrastructure would also be ramped up and a facility for additional 3,000 vehicles would be developed. He added that the government was also mulling to remove hanging wires in the city with a project to construct underground ducts for electricity, cable and optical fibre.

Sukhu said, "In the initial phase of the project, Rs 23 crore will be spent in areas like the Mall Road, Lower Bazaar and Middle Bazaar."

6 newly elected MLAs to take oath on June 12

SHIMLA, JUNE 5

The six newly elected legislators, who won the byelections yesterday, are likely to take oath in the Vidhan Sabha on June 12. Capt Ranjit Rana (ret'd), who won the Sujampur Assembly seat, today called on Speaker Kuldeep Pathania. Rakesh Kalra (Gagret), Sudhir Sharma (Dharamsala), ID Lakhnani (Barsar), Anuradha Rana (Lahaul-Spiti) and Vivek Sharma (Kuthlehar) also won the byelections. — TNS

Alliance Air to start new Kullu-Delhi flight from July 3

ABHINAV VASHISHT

KULLU, JUNE 5
The national regional flag carrier, Alliance Air, has released a schedule of an additional flight between Delhi and Kullu on Sundays and Wednesdays starting from July 3. An ATR-72 aircraft will be pressed into service for the additional flights while one ATR-72 plane was already operating daily flights to the Kullu-Manali Airport at Bhuntar.

The Tribune had highlighted the issue of the requirement of additional flights on the Kullu-Delhi route on May 27. The one-way ticket of the Delhi to Kullu flight is available for Rs 7,413, including additional Rs 199 web charge collected by the airline's website. The Kullu to Delhi flight return ticket is available for Rs 9,473 but the price varies as it is flexible and depends upon demand. The additional flight will depart from Delhi at 7.30 am on Wednesdays and at 6.50 am on Sundays. The flight will return from Kullu at 9.20 am on Wednesdays and at 9 am on Sundays.

The airline is also starting direct flights between Kullu and Dehradun under the UDAN Scheme from June 18. The flights will be operated on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The one-way fare

Airline to launch Kullu-Dehradun flight from June 18

for the Kullu to Dehradun flight is kept at Rs 3,198, including the web charge, and for the return Dehradun to Kullu flight it is Rs 4,198.

Meanwhile, the Kullu to Amritsar flights will be operated on four days a week, other than when the flight will go to Dehradun. The Kullu to Amritsar flight ticket costs Rs 2,875 and the return ticket Rs 3,532. However, there are two Dehradun to Delhi direct flights of Alliance Air at 4 pm and 7.40 pm and one can reach New Delhi from Kullu for Rs 6,675.

Travel agent Vikrant said that seats were not available even at the full fare of Rs 26,378 on the Kullu to Delhi flight till June 30, except for five seats on June 13 and three on June 25. Only one seat was available on each day for Rs 15,563 while the fare for the remaining seats on the two days would increase with the sale. He added that the Kullu to Delhi flight on July would cost Rs 11,888.

He said, "Even the earliest available ticket for the Delhi to Kullu flight for Thursday is costing Rs 17,703 and flights are not available on June 7 and 8."

Drop in NOTA votes

SHIMLA, JUNE 5
As many as 23,125 voters opted for NOTA this time, as compared to 33,008 in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

As per the Election Commission of India, 6,372 voters preferred NOTA in Kangra,

5,930 in Shimla, 5,645 in Mandi and 5,178 in Hamirpur.

In the 2019 elections, 11,327 voters in Kangra, 8,357 in Shimla, 8,026 in Hamirpur and 5,298 in Mandi chose NOTA, which had risen to 12,626 in the 2021 bypoll. — TNS

MISSING

The General Public is hereby informed that a person namely Azeel Miya age about 75 years R/o # 345, Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh, Height 5'-2" feet, wheatish complexion, wearing white colour kurta and sky blue lungi has been reported to be missing from house since 19.05.2024. In this regard, DDR No. 07 dated 19.05.2024 has been lodged in Police Station, Sector-Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh. The photograph of missing person is given above. In case of any clue about said missing person, please inform to SHO Police Station Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh on Ph. No. 9779580951, 0172-2751033, 2929717 and Chandigarh Police Control Room Ph. No. 0172-2749194 or 112.

CHANDIGARH POLICE

Sr. No.	LETTER/ MEMO NO. & DATE	NAME OF DEPT./BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT/TENDER NO.	NATURE OF WORK
1	Spl-I/HPGCL CE/Fuel-213/ Vol-X dated 05.06.2024	Haryana Power Generation Corporation Limited (HPGCL).	e-NIT No. 41/HPGCL/CE/ Fuel-213 dated 05.06.2024 Tender No. 2024_HBC_373321 NOTE:- e-NIT No. 37/HPGCL/CE/Fuel-213 dated 20.02.2024 has been cancelled due to Technical Problems.	Selection of Mine Developer & Operator (MDO) for exploration, planning, development & operation of Kalyanpur Badalpara coal block (3 MTPA) District Dumka of State Jharkhand. (Please check the website(s) for further details).
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OFFICE OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD, JALANDHAR
PUBLIC NOTICE

1. It is for the information of the General public that as per the General Land Register records maintained by Cantonment Board, Jalandhar, the requisite details in respect of the expired leases of the following surveys numbers, which are as under:-

Sr. Survey No.	Description	Area	Classification	Management	Land Lord	Occupancy Rights	Original Lessees as per the lease Deed	Date of Expiry of Lease	
01	Shop & House No. 71, Extension, Mohalla No. 23	360 sq ft (old grant) & Extension 99 sq ft (as lease area)	B-3	Cantonment Board, Jalandhar	Govt. of India	Rur. Mal, Gangra Sahai	Old grant & Cantt. lease form C for 90 years	Karhaya Lal S/o Chahaloo Mal	21/07/2004 (First term)
02	House No. 37, Mohalla No. 32	858 sq ft (as lease area)	B-3	Cantonment Board, Jalandhar	Govt. of India	Rooria S/o Abdullah	Cantt. lease form C for 90 years	Rooriya S/o Abdullah	17/07/2004 (First term)
03	House No. 33, Mohalla No. 32	390 sq ft out of which 263 sq ft as lease area as mentioned in the remarks column of GLR	B-3	Cantonment Board, Jalandhar	Govt. of India	Bhuloo S/o Khushi Lal	Cantt. lease form C for 90 years	Itahi Bux S/o Jummam	17/07/2004 (First term)
04	House No. 13, Pucca Platform, Mohalla No. 31	110 sq ft (old grant) & Pucca Platform 52 sq ft (as lease area)	B-3	Cantonment Board, Jalandhar	Govt. of India	Hira	Old grant & Cantt. lease form C for 90 years	Sumera S/o Heria Modi by Caste	11/02/2004 (First term)
05	House No. 48, Mohalla No. 30	570 sq ft (as lease area)	B-3	Cantonment Board, Jalandhar	Govt. of India	Karim Ullah S/o Rahmat Ullah	Cantt. lease form C for 99 years	Karim Ullah S/o Bakesha Butcher	29/04/2014 (First term)
06	House No. 413, Portion Mohalla No. 30	539 sq ft (old grant) & Portion 660 sq ft (as lease area)	B-3	Cantonment Board, Jalandhar	Govt. of India	Nabi Bux S/o Amir Bux	Old grant & Cantt. lease form C for 99 years	Nabi Bux S/o Amir Bux	29/04/2014 (First term)
07	House No. 46, Mohalla No. 30 & House No. 45, Mohalla No. 30	720 sq ft. as per remarks column of the GLR 624 sq ft (as lease area) & 600 sq ft. as per remarks column of the GLR 624 sq ft (as lease area)	B-3	Cantonment Board, Jalandhar	Govt. of India	Azim Bux Hafiz Ullah & Karim Bux Rahim Bux	Cantt. lease form C for 99 years	Karim Bux S/o Qadar Bux	03/09/2014 (First term)
08	House & upper Storey No. 8, Mohalla No. 30	1145 sq ft (as lease area)	B-3	Cantonment Board, Jalandhar	Govt. of India	Ch Rahmat Ullah	Cantt. lease form C for 99 years	Bhura S/o Karim Bux, Butcher	29/04/2014 (First term)
09	Shops & Garden	1.05 Acre (as lease area)	B-3	Cantonment Board, Jalandhar	Govt. of India	Mst. Ashraf Begum	Cantt. lease form C for 99 years	Shekh ata mohal ud din S/o Shekh Ghulam mohalud Din	26/10/2020 (First term)

2. The expired leases in respect of the above said survey nos. are due for renewal subject to discretion of MOD Policy dated 10/03/2017. The present occupiers of the above said leased portions had been informed repeatedly to submit the requisite necessary documentary evidences so as to establish the entire link up of these surveys nos. between the original lessees and the present occupier and also to establish the identity of successors-in-interest. Despite that the occupiers of these surveys nos. have not yet submitted the requisite necessary documentary evidences. Hence, in view of the above, it is for the information of the present occupiers of the properties of the above said survey nos. to submit (all the requisite necessary documentary evidences with English translated version), within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the above said cases shall be processed and forwarded to the competent higher authorities for Determination/Termination of the lease as per the relevant Provisions/Rules/Regulations and lease policies of the G.O.I., MOD.

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The UP verdict

SP, Cong ticked the right boxes to upset BJP

IN its manifesto for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP patted itself on the back for turning the 'people's dream of five centuries' into reality by building the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. The party was hopeful that the inauguration of the temple by PM Narendra Modi would bring rich electoral dividends, especially in the Hindi belt. It was a rude shock for the BJP when it lost the Faizabad parliamentary seat in Ayodhya district to the Samajwadi Party (SP). A BJP supporter candidly admitted that the grandeur of the Ram Mandir might have impressed outsiders, but residents of the town were unhappy over the inconvenience they were subjected to. The Ayodhya upset summed up the reversal of fortunes in UP as the SP-Congress combine punched well above its weight to upstage the mighty BJP.

This was no mean feat for the Opposition duo. The BJP had become nearly invincible in the state over the past decade. The saffron party won 71 Lok Sabha seats out of 80 in 2014 and bagged 62 five years later. The victories in the Assembly elections of 2017 and 2022 were also impressive. With CM Yogi Adityanath firmly at the helm, the party looked set to do an encore in the 2024 elections, but SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and the Gandhi siblings had other ideas.

Akhilesh has attributed the resounding success of the INDIA bloc in UP to the troika of backward classes, Dalits and minorities. The alliance fought the elections on the plank of PDA (*Pichhada*, Dalit and *Alpsankhyak*) unity. The BJP, wallowing in complacency, missed no opportunity to ridicule the SP and the Congress while going overboard with communal polarisation. This divisive ploy got a massive push-back from voters, restricting the BJP to 33 seats in the state and dashing its hopes of securing a majority on its own in the Lok Sabha.

Naidu's comeback

TDP chief emerges as crucial power-broker

IN a remarkable turn of events, N Chandrababu Naidu has been catapulted from political obscurity to the pivotal role of 'kingmaker' — along with Nitish Kumar and Tejashwi Yadav — after the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. This shift not only underscores their political acumen but also highlights the fluid dynamics of our democracy. The TDP's impressive performance in Andhra Pradesh, securing 16 LS seats, combined with the BJP's failure to achieve a majority, has propelled Naidu into a central position. His alliance with the BJP and Janasena signifies not just his strategic resurgence but also his enduring appeal to the electorate. The NDA won a landslide victory in the simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly polls in Andhra Pradesh, bagging 21 parliamentary and 164 Assembly seats.

This re-emergence into prominence that also puts him in the king's position in the state is laudable. Naidu's tenure as Chief Minister from 1995 to 2004 was marked by economic reforms and a tech-driven vision, earning him the moniker 'CEO of Andhra Pradesh'. Next, after a decade in the Opposition, Naidu made an impressive comeback in 2014, but the political landscape proved challenging. His alliance with the BJP was short-lived and the TDP suffered a heavy defeat in the 2019 elections. Adding to his woes, his 52-day incarceration last year in a skill development scam seemed to mark the end of his political career.

Today, with a majority eluding the BJP at the Centre, hectic parleys to garner the required numbers are on, and even INDIA bloc leaders are reportedly wooing Naidu. But he has reaffirmed his allegiance to the NDA — for now. India will be closely watching Naidu's moves as a power-broker. They will undoubtedly be instrumental in determining the country's political direction.

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1924

Mahatma's suggestions

WHEN we turn from the Mahatma's analysis of the causes responsible for the present Hindu-Muslim tension to the remedies suggested by him, we are at once struck by their undue generality and their obvious inadequacy. Practically, the only remedy suggested by him is summed up in the word 'non-violence'. To those who advocate a pact of some kind between the communities, he says that so far as religious matters are concerned, such matters as cow slaughter and the playing of music before mosques, there is no question of bargain and, therefore, a pact is no good, while as regards political matters, the restoration of mutual friendly feeling is a condition precedent to any effectual pact, necessary as the last undoubtedly is. "Are both parties," he writes, "sincerely willing to accept the proposition that no disputes, religious or otherwise, should ever be decided by an appeal to force i.e. violence?" Where the parties are practically co-extensive, as they are in this case with the whole country, a question like this is, we must be permitted to say with all possible respect, nothing short of an absurdity. If the two communities as such were sincerely willing to accept the Mahatma's proposition, the problem he is so anxious to solve would not exist at all. The fact that it does exist can only mean that there are large sections of the communities which so far are not "sincerely willing" to accept the Mahatma's proposition; and the whole practical question in this case is how to make them willing. It is perhaps his consciousness of this fact that makes the Mahatma add: "I am convinced that the masses do not want to fight if the leaders do not."

Kashmiris affirm faith in democratic polity

Their realisation that they can be part of governance of the country is manifest



WAJAHAT HABIBULLAH
FORMER BUREAUCRAT, J&K CADRE

THE union territories of J&K and Ladakh, remains of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, went to the polls in five phases. According to reports, Kashmir, home to the bulk of the UT's population but the smallest in size, recorded a voter turnout that was the highest since 1996. Srinagar saw 38.49 per cent polling, Baramulla 59.1 per cent and Anantnag — its Kashmiri predominance sought to be blunted by the addition of Jammu division's Poonch-Rajouri districts — 54.84 per cent.

The results demonstrate a sharp communal divide between the Muslim-majority Kashmir and Ladakh and Hindu-majority Jammu, a polarisation accentuated by the religious appeal made to voters by contenders on both sides of the Pir Panjal. The Hindutva agenda of the BJP, which took both seats in Jammu — constituencies crafted by the Delimitation Commission to buttress their religious identity — was matched by the distinct religious grounding of each of the candidates in the Valley, although the latter was free from sectarianism. In fact, Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, the triumphant National Conference (NC) candidate from Srinagar who belongs to the first family of the Shia Muslim community in Kashmir, broke with precedent by openly apologising on behalf of his community for having failed to prevent the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley when J&K was, like now, under the adminis-



PATH-BREAKING: NC candidate Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi broke with precedent by apologising on behalf of his Shia Muslim community for having failed to prevent the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits in the 1990s. pn

tration of the Union Government in 1990-96.

Is this then the beginning of a new era in the troubled region? It is well to remember that this was the first election in Jammu and Kashmir since the Modi government's revocation of the limited political autonomy that the state had enjoyed under the Constitution with the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019. The turnout in the elections in the Valley and Ladakh is indicative of the determination of Kashmiris and Ladakhis to oust the BJP government at the Centre. Although the trends from the beginning favoured former NC leader Mohammed Haneefa, who won the Ladakh seat as an independent, this is not necessarily a resurgence of the party but a bid to rally behind it to defeat the ruling party at the Centre. The fact that the NC's star candidate, former CM Omar Abdullah, was unseated simply affirms this as the elected candidate, Engi-

The lotus is unlikely to bloom in Kashmir unless the BJP reinvents itself for the Kashmiris.

neer Rashid (who got nearly 46 per cent of the vote against Abdullah's 26 per cent) has himself been an advocate of *Azadi*, for which he has been in the Tihar Jail for the past five years under UAPA. His campaign got going at the last moment, led by his two sons.

What we are witness to specifically is a consolidation of the votes against the BJP, the party responsible for the

abrogation. It might be recalled that earlier, both leading parties rooted in Kashmir — the NC and the PDP — had been willing to work with the BJP. The last elected government was a BJP-PDP combine. As borne out by the election campaigns of each, even the BJP's supposed allies like Sajjad Lone's People's Conference have been obliged to distance themselves from that party before making any appeal for support to the public.

The BJP did not field any candidate from any seat in Kashmir. Home Minister Amit Shah was quoted as saying that it would take time for the lotus to bloom in Kashmir. But the election results show that unless the party reinvents itself for the Kashmiris and Ladakhis, this is unlikely. Of all Indian leaders whom J&K has seen as PM, Atal Bihari Vajpayee is readily the most loved.

Let alone support for the BJP, then, even association with

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Two cheers for democracy: one because it admits variety and two because it permits criticism. —EMForster

A regimental celebration of unity

COL HP SINGH

MY regiment celebrated its Raising Day at Dehradun recently. Christened 'Rendezvous 2024', it was a soul-rejuvenating homecoming for over 250 veterans and serving soldiers, ranging from the 1960s to the 2020s. People travelled from places like Guwahati, Coimbatore, Pune, Ahmedabad, Jabalpur and Hyderabad, validating poet Robert Southey's words: 'No distance of place or lapse of time can lessen the friendship of those who are thoroughly persuaded of each other's worth.'

When the movie of the regiment's glorious past was played, every photo had a story to tell. 'I took the telegram to your dad, and we celebrated your birth with rum and *shakkarpara* amidst the booming of our guns,' my first commanding officer (CO), a walking encyclopaedia of the regiment's history, told me as he regaled everyone with stories of the 1971 war. Everyone had something to say about the bits of history flashed on the screen. There were tears of mirth as we recounted hilarious anecdotes, the idiosyncrasies of our colleagues and the quixotic quests of our bosses. Such was the regimental spirit that during the *Barakhana*, even those with walking sticks and waist belts did bhangra, exhibiting a rebellious defiance of age. I met my dad's batman, who would take me to school, my Siachen days' radio operator, the Subedar Major during my command, to name a few.

It was a solemn occasion when the wife of a fallen hero, a Kir-ti Chakra awardee, inaugurated a motivation hall named after him. He was my senior subaltern and she fondly remembered the day I received the newlyweds at Bhuj railway station three decades ago. A daughter of another officer was very curious to know all she could about her late father, who was killed in an air crash when she was still in her mother's womb.

Ours is a '*Khandani Paltan*', having seven second-generation officers and over a dozen second-generation jawans. The regimental photographer was quick to capture us in the frame when we got together. It was an honour to share the stage with former Cos, including my father, my first CO (son of the founder CO) and a former commander, while addressing the regiment. With my brother posted at the same station, for me it was a family reunion as well.

As we bid *au revoir*, everyone was brimming with gratitude to the current CO, a crowd-puller, for getting us together. His wife was in tears while handing over the goody bags with customised souvenirs to departing guests. Their well-knit team was already planning for the platinum jubilee, seven years away.

'It is this sense of belonging and *esprit de corps* that differentiates you guys from others,' said a civilian guest, overwhelmed by the camaraderie on display. A happy memory never wears out; the moments captured in our cameras will be recalled many times to relive those three days of 'celebration of unity'.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voters reject polarisation

With reference to 'India's message', the BJP has managed to secure a third consecutive term. But the defeats it faced in many constituencies should prompt it do course correction. It is time for the saffron party to reassess its stance on agricultural issues and the Agnipath scheme. It should also address the alleged misuse of Central agencies like the CBI, the ED and the IT Department for political reasons. The Indian voters have rightly rejected the politicisation of religion, as the General Election results in UP clearly show. Though the NDA government had many achievements under its belt, namely the abrogation of Article 370, the G20 Summit, the Chandrayaan-3 mission, and so on, it fell short of its target. The party leadership must analyse what went wrong.

ANIL VINAYAK, AMRITSAR

Hopeful of better days

Apropos of the editorial 'India's message', the verdict is out. Though the BJP will retain power at the Centre, it has failed to achieve a simple majority to form the government. This suggests that most voters want PM Narendra Modi to continue at the helm, but not as a leader with unchecked powers. Indians don't want a PM who mixes religion with politics or promises to have more temples constructed. We want a leader who will work to uplift the poor, help the economy grow and ensure affordable healthcare facilities for all. As the BJP looks forward to its third straight term at the Centre, this time in a coalition, the electorate is hopeful of better days ahead.

PRATIBHA SHARMA, CHANDIGARH

A win for Indian democracy

Refer to the editorial 'India's message', the Lok Sabha election results are a win for Indian democracy. The BJP-led NDA's ability to stay in power at the Centre despite growing anti-incumbency is no mean feat. The grand old party — which has improved its tally — and its INDIA bloc allies put up a spirited fight. The Opposition leaders are now better placed to keep the ruling dispensation on its toes. A strong Opposition is a prerequisite for democracy. India's return to the coalition era has thrown the spotlight on the role of regional parties in national politics.

RAVI SHARMA, DHARIWAL

A rebuke for divisive politics

Apropos of 'India's message', the election results are a reminder that political leaders cannot fight and win elections solely on catchy slogans or by fomenting hatred. The decline in the BJP's tally can be linked to issues like joblessness, rising prices, growing inequality and the controversial Agnipath scheme. Besides, PM Narendra Modi has drawn flak several times with his anti-minority rhetoric. His divisive campaign targeting Muslims may have alienated voters in certain regions. The Modi-led Centre has also been accused of stifling dissent and jailing political rivals on what many say are trumped-up charges. The number of seats that the NDA has secured in this General Election is a far cry from its ambitious target of 400 seats.

CAPT AMAR JEET (RETD), KHARAR

SAD, AAP need to introspect

With reference to the newsreport 'Punjab hands 7 to Cong, 2 to radicals', the grand old party has stamped its authority by clinching seven of the 13 seats in the state. With the tally, the Congress has proven that it still has the might to take on the BJP. On the other hand, regional party SAD and the ruling AAP need to analyse the reasons behind their poor showing in Punjab. It is telling that even the BJP got a higher vote share at 18.56 per cent than the Akalis' 13.42 per cent. SAD cannot sustain itself if it continues to be helmed by just one family. Besides, AAP's failure to keep many of its Assembly poll promises cost it dear.

BIR DEVINDER SINGH BEDI, SANGRUR

BJP's goal comes a cropper

The Lok Sabha elections reveal anation loyal to democracy and its core principles, rejecting divisive ideologies. While craving stability, voters won't tolerate intolerance or hate-driven agendas. Despite the BJP's ambition, it fell short of an absolute majority, signalling a shift in political dynamics. The saffron party's dream of a Congress-free India has been shattered by the Opposition resurgence powered by regional parties. Understanding the grassroots reality is vital for electoral success. Regional parties, sidelined in recent years, now play a pivotal role, ensuring diversity in governance. The election outcome discredits the exit polls and reinforces faith in the electoral process.

VUJAYKUMAR HK, RAICHUR (KARNATAKA)

Sustaining growth must be a priority of new govt



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THE management of the economy is bound to be at the top of the new government's agenda. 'It's the economy, stupid' is a catchline made famous by Bill Clinton's 1992 election campaign, and it is still relevant. The Indian economy may be in relatively good shape, with GDP growth outpacing all others globally, but this is still a developing country with sizable segments in the poor and underprivileged categories. Pulling them out of poverty and reducing the inequality that has virtually created two Indias on a single subcontinent will have to be the focus of the new set of policymakers. The concept of a *viksit* or developed *Bharat* is unexceptionable, but the elements of society that are lagging behind will have to catch up before the country can truly reach the status of a developed nation.

To reduce the inequalities that exist between the burgeoning urban middle class and the less privileged masses in rural areas, the biggest task will be to move jobs

away from agriculture and towards the more vibrant industrial and services sectors. Right now, 45 per cent of jobs are dependent on agriculture, a sector that comprises only 15 per cent of the GDP. The NDA (2019-24) government had taken an initiative on this front, infusing massive public capital expenditure into infrastructure development over the past few years. But this laudable policy measure has not created as many jobs as needed, given the enormity of the country's working-age population.

There are differing estimates of actual unemployment in the country. The latest Periodic Labour Force Survey shows that the unemployment rate was 3.1 per cent in 2023, the lowest in three years. On the other hand, a private sector think tank, Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, puts the unemployment rate for 2023-24 at 8 per cent.

Despite the differing data, the underlying conclusion is that more jobs need to be created rapidly. The drive to set up the much-needed infrastructure through a big capex thrust now needs to be accompanied by much more investment from the private sector, both from domestic and foreign sources. This will have to be aided by improving the ease of doing business. Though the current regime made some headway in this direction, bureaucracy



POTENTIAL: There is a need to ensure that there is skilled labour to use the job opportunities thrown up by new manufacturing projects. REUTERS

and procedural complexities still abound.

Officials involved in this exercise at the Central level say the problem is with the states. To some extent, this is true. It can be seen from the fact that some states, especially in southern India, attract far more foreign direct investment than others. For instance, tech giant Apple is clearly only interested in setting up projects in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Gujarat is another state that has for long attracted investors and is now catching the attention of semi-conductor firms considering massive investments in this high-tech area.

The uneven scenario in individual states is likely to

The long-term nature of govt jobs is the reason they are considered the goal of millions in this country.

presage a pivot in the reform process from the Central to the state level. The brief economic statement that replaced the annual survey in this year's Interim Budget talks of the states' role in making future economic reforms more 'purposeful and fruitful'. It goes on to highlight the need for improving governance at the district, block and village levels, making them both citizen- and business-friendly.

One must not forget that the Budget provided the first ever interest-free loan of Rs 75,000 crore for states to frame growth- and development-oriented reforms. This is clearly a bid to lure less investment-oriented states to carry out business-friendly reforms.

But it is not enough to attract investments. There is a need to ensure that there is skilled labour to use the job opportunities thrown up by new manufacturing projects. Providing an education that makes the much-talked-about youth demographic more employable is the need of the hour. This must start at the school level and continue through vocational institutions that impart relevant technical skills. An economy known for its expertise in software and computers should be able to provide a high-quality education in ancillary areas. Excellence in learning must go beyond the renowned engineering and science institutions.

In evolving new education policies, it would be useful to involve the industry closely. This could help improve the employability of those seeking to enter the manufacturing sector. At the same time, the private sector needs to reduce the share of contract jobs so that there is greater security of employment. The long-term nature of government jobs is the reason they are considered the goal of millions in this country. It has created the myth that only government jobs are worthwhile. Some political parties have unwisely promoted this theme during election campaigns by promising government jobs as sops for voters.

On the contrary, entrepreneurship should be given

greater encouragement, for this truly yields sizable returns, especially in high-tech areas. Startups have been adopted enthusiastically by the youth in this country. In fact, India now nurtures one of the biggest global ecosystems for unicorns and decacorns. Even micro and tiny enterprises are being given support through Internet marketing platforms. This is the future, and employment opportunities need to be viewed through a different prism now rather than as the 'pukki naukri' (secure jobs) of old.

The long-term agenda for any new government will thus have to be holistic, as GDP growth already reached an encouraging 8.2 per cent in 2023-24. Sustaining this growth will mean raising private investment currently lagging behind public capex. Foreign direct investment flows will also need a boost, as the latest data shows a decline in the last fiscal. This could reflect the challenges of external headwinds, especially geopolitical tensions. Raising growth in rural areas will also need to be kept in focus, though the forecast of a normal monsoon this year means agricultural output is set to be higher than the 1.4 per cent of last year. Rural consumption is already picking up and could soon reach a broad-based recovery. The goal of more equitable growth is thus achievable but will need a great deal of hard work.

Congress back on track in Punjab as AAP faces discontent



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THE outcome of the 2024 Lok Sabha election in Punjab has raised many questions about the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). The party won just three seats out of 13, falling well short of the clean sweep predicted by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. The verdict has rocked AAP just two years after it registered a landslide victory in the Assembly elections, winning 92 seats in the 117-member House.

AAP's vote share fell drastically to 26.02 per cent from 42 per cent in 2022. This indicates a surge in frustration and disappointment of the masses with the ruling party and Mann's leadership.

The party largely failed to address key issues such as the agrarian unrest, drug trade, law and order, and corruption. Endemic factionalism, organisational weaknesses, dominance of the Delhi-based top brass and ideological

bankruptcy have seemingly put AAP on a perilous path in a short period of time. The victory of two independent radical candidates is a manifestation of these unresolved issues.

This benefited the Congress, which finished on top with seven LS seats, thus recovering from the rout it had suffered in the 2022 Assembly polls. The Congress' vote share (26.3 per cent) was, however, only slightly better than that of AAP this time.

The verdict of the Punjab electorate in favour of the Congress was against the broad national trend. This is not a new phenomenon as the party had won eight seats in the 2019 elections amid a Modi wave in the country. In the just-concluded elections, where there was no noticeable wave, Punjab's 'exceptionalism' was very much on display. This was the only state in north India where the BJP drew a blank, even though Hindus account for around 40 per cent of the border state's population. During his recent rallies in Punjab, the Prime Minister focused on Sikh issues, such as the 1984 riots and the Kartarpur corridor. However, this narrative did not receive much attention in the state. The party recorded a vote share of 18.56 per cent; five of its 13 candidates lost their



DECLINE: AAP's vote share fell to 26.02 per cent from 42 per cent in the 2022 Assembly polls. FILE PHOTO

deposits. The strong opposition to BJP candidates and other leaders by farmers' organisations during campaigning sealed the party's fate. Incidentally, the BJP had won two seats out of the three it contested in the 2019 parliamentary polls in the state.

A significant development in the 2024 election was the rejection of the BJP's agenda by the state's voters. The party tried to connect with Dalits and urban Hindus, but failed to a great extent. The BJP, which had been a junior ally of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) for long, went solo this time after talks with the one-time partner

The Congress was the biggest gainer, winning seven seats, though the odds were against it as most of its senior leaders had defected to the BJP and other parties.

over seat-sharing proved inconclusive.

In recent years, the BJP has neither succeeded in broadening its traditional urban upper-caste voter base nor has been able to raise a tall state-level leader. Its strategy has been to win over Congress leaders. It does not qualify as a winnable party on its own despite having had a long-term presence in the state right from the days of its precursor, the Bharatiya Jana Sangh.

As for the SAD, it suffered yet another electoral rout, winning only one Lok Sabha seat — its traditional bastion, Bathinda. The party had pulled out of the

BJP-led NDA in 2021 over the three controversial 'pro-corporate' agriculture laws after having drawn the farmers' wrath by initially supporting the legislation.

The leadership crisis in the party and its 10-year 'misrule' in the state (2007-17) are among the factors responsible for the loss of its core support in the state. The party also significantly lost the support of its key vote bank, the Jat Sikh community. There is a question mark over the leadership of Sukhbir Badal, especially after the demise of his father, former CM Parkash Singh Badal.

It was an election where the same pressing issues — farmers' distress, drug menace, lack of jobs, large-scale migration of the youth to Western countries, industries shifting to neighbouring states, corruption, depleting water table, lack of development, and law and order — were raised by Opposition parties, but they hardly received any positive response from the state and Central governments.

The election campaign was lacklustre, going by the generally low participation at poll meetings and rallies.

The overall apathy was also reflected in the lower turnout, which was surprising as Punjab is known for recording a consistently higher turnout than the national average, whether it

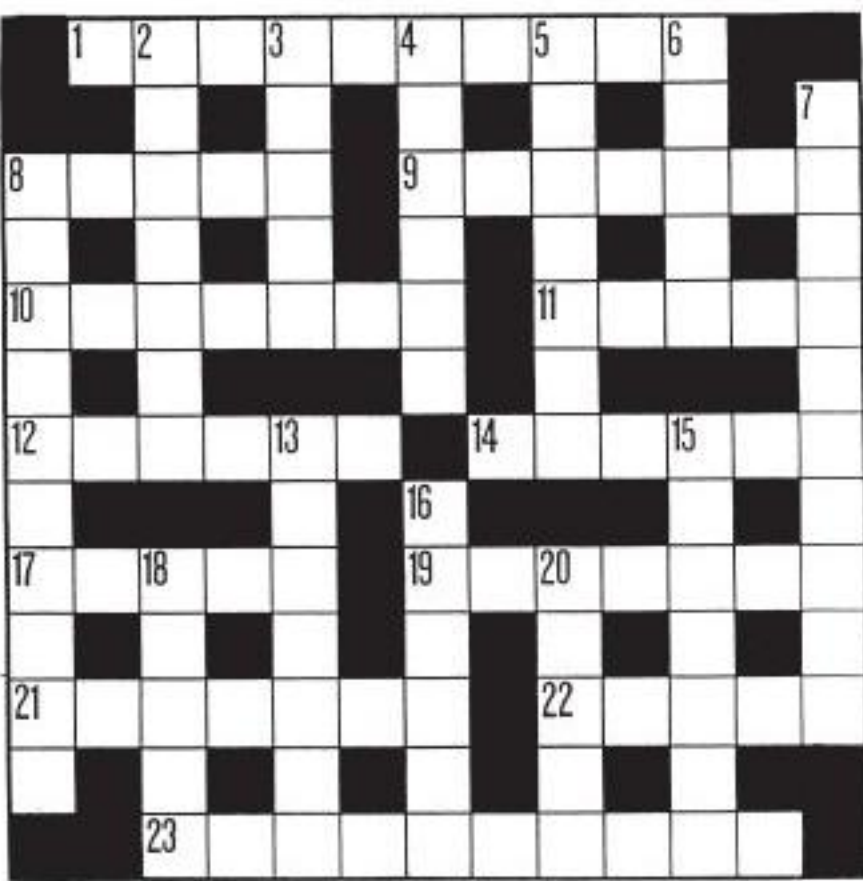
is the Lok Sabha or Assembly elections. As compared to the national average, Punjab's turnout was about three percentage points lower this time. There was 62.8 per cent polling this time, as against 65.77 per cent in 2019 and 70.6 per cent in 2014.

The field was unusually wide open — in the fray were SAD, BJP, Congress, AAP and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). The entry and huge victory of two radical candidates — Amritpal Singh and Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa from Khadoor Sahib and Faridkot, respectively, — not only made these elections very interesting but also posed a tough challenge to mainstream political parties. Their wins will have far-reaching consequences for Punjab.

Though the BSP put up its candidates from all parliamentary seats in Punjab, it failed to make its presence felt despite the fact that Dalits account for one-third of the state's population.

At the end of the day, the Congress was the biggest gainer, winning seven seats, though the odds were against it as most of its senior leaders had defected to the BJP and other parties. Voters have sent out the message that they are banking on the Congress to raise the state's issues in the Lok Sabha and work towards resolving them on priority.

QUICK CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Criminal (10)
 - Roman god of love (5)
 - Short story with hidden moral (7)
 - Reckless freedom of manner (7)
 - Glorify (5)
 - Get to the bottom of (6)
 - Show obsequious deference (6)
 - Renting contract (5)
 - Let loose (7)
 - Official suspension of trade (7)
 - Travel about on foot (5)
 - Plainly (10)
- DOWN**
- Road-surfacing material (7)
 - Over (5)
 - Affix (6)
 - Underwater missile (7)
 - Disprove (5)
 - Community of interest (10)
 - Dejected (10)
 - Infested (7)
 - Laborious effort (7)
 - Isolated (3,3)
 - Book for postage stamps (5)
 - A water lily (5)
- Yesterday's solution**
- Across:** 1 Recipe, 4 Bright, 9 Forlorn, 10 Amiss, 11 Ensur, 12 En masse, 13 Cut both ways, 18 Set free, 20 Lhasa, 22 Eager, 23 Uncouth, 24 Lately, 25 Stream.
- Down:** 1 Rafter, 2 Corps, 3 Proverb, 5 Realm, 6 Gainsay, 7 Tassel, 8 Under the sun, 14 Uptight, 15 Wildcat, 16 As well, 17 Mayhem, 19 Rural, 21 Acute.

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CALENDAR

- JUNE 6, 2024, THURSDAY**
- Shaka Samvat 1946
 - Jyeshtha Shaka 16
 - Jyeshtha Parvishite 24
 - Hijari 1445
 - Krishna Paksha Tithi 15, up to 6.08 pm
 - Dhriti Yoga up to 10.09 pm
 - Rohini Nakshatra up to 8.17 pm
 - Moon in Taurus sign
 - Jyeshtha Amavas

FORECAST

SUNSET:	THURSDAY	19-23 HRS
SUNRISE:	FRIDAY	05-20 HRS
CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	40	29
New Delhi	43	30
Amritsar	40	28
Bathinda	42	28
Jalandhar	40	28
Ludhiana	41	26
Bhiwani	43	29
Hisar	43	29
Sirsa	42	32
Dharamsala	34	20
Manali	25	11
Shimla	27	18
Srinagar	26	15
Jammu	40	28
Kargil	21	05
Leh	15	03
Dehradun	38	26
Mussoorie	26	19

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Govt must respect people’s verdict, release Engineer Rashid: PDP chief

Jailed leader defeated former CM Omar Abdullah by over 2 lakh votes

SRINAGAR, JUNE 5 PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said on Wednesday that the Centre should respect the verdict of the people and release jailed politician Sheikh Abdul Rashid, alias Engineer Rashid, following his victory in the Lok Sabha election.

Engineer Rashid, who is in prison in a terror financing case, emerged a giant slayer in Jammu and Kashmir, defeating former J&K Chief Minister and National Conference Vice-President Omar Abdullah in the Baramulla seat by a margin of over two lakh votes.

In a post on X, Mufti said, “Heartfelt congratulations to Mian Altaf, Aga Ruhullah, Engineer Rashid and Haneefa Jan for winning the parliament elections. The Government of India



The mother and son of jailed candidate Engineer Rashid flash the victory sign after the win in the Lok Sabha election. PTI

JAIL TRIGGERS POWERFUL SENTIMENT: ILTIJA

■ Srinagar: “Jail is a powerful sentiment that resonates deeply with Kashmiris, given that thousands of young Kashmiri men continue to languish in prisons on trumped up charges,” said Iltiya Mufti, PDP leader and Mehbooba Mufti’s daughter.

■ She also listed her key take-aways about the General Election in the Valley.

■ Referring to Mian Altaf winning election from the Anantnag-Rajouri constituency,

she said, “Religious influence trumps and trounces good governance and a development agenda.”

■ She said Kashmiris, especially youth and women, voted for and preferred individuals vis-a-vis parties.

■ “It is also safe to assume that the youth here participated in the political process by exercising their right to vote. There is most certainly a yearning and churn for change,” she stated. oc

must respect verdict of the people and release Engineer Rashid.”

Echoing Mehbooba’s sentiments, Iltiya Mufti, the PDP chief’s daughter and media adviser, also demanded the release of Rashid, who is currently

lodged in Tihar jail.

“Congratulations to Ruhullah Mehdi, Mian Altaf sahab, Hanifa Jan and last but certainly not the least Engineer Rashid for their splendid victories. Hope they become powerful voices to articulate the

pain and grievances of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who were rendered voiceless since 2019. The Government of India must also release Engineer Rashid immediately,” she posted on X.

The PDP president was

defeated in the Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat by National Conference leader Mian Altaf Ahmad while his party colleague Aga Roohullah prevailed over PDP youth president Waheed Para in the Srinagar Lok Sabha seat. — PTI

Release from jail our priority, says party

SRINAGAR, JUNE 5 Engineer Rashid’s Awami Ittehad Party (AIP), which achieved a victory in the Baramulla parliamentary constituency on Tuesday, has dismissed the possibility of forming a coalition with other political entities. The party has stated that its primary focus is to secure the release of their jailed leader.

AIP spokesman Firdous Baba said that any decisions regarding alliances will be made solely by the party president, Engineer Rashid. He also said that the party is seeking legal assistance to facilitate his release.

Engineer Rashid’s son, Abrar Rashid, said that he was not in a position to discuss potential political alliances. He said that he had no role in such decisions and that the party’s chief was best positioned to address these questions.

Having recently led the election campaign for his

STANCE ON ALLIANCE UNCLEAR

“I am not in a position to discuss potential political alliances. I have no role in such decisions. But since my father is in jail, I will continue to drive the party and be a part of politics for the time being.

Abrar Rashid, ENGINEER RASHID’S SON

jailed father, Abrar said he will be available for all until Rashid was released from prison. “Since my father is in jail, I will continue to drive the party and be a part of politics for the time being,” he added.

The election results, yielded a surprising outcome, with the jailed leader Er Rashid defeating former CM Omar Abdullah and Peoples Conference chief Sajad Lone by over two lakh votes. — OC

Mehbooba seeks probe into man’s death in police custody

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, JUNE 5 Former Chief Minister and the Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti today sought an impartial probe into the death of a person who was an accused in a narcotics case and allegedly died in police custody.

“Imtiaz Ahmed an accused in a narcotics case from Pulwama has died in police custody, while another is battling for his life at Base Hospital in Badami Bagh. Imtiaz’s family claims he suffered grievous injuries during interrogation. An impartial probe must be initiated to get to the bottom of the truth,” Mehbooba Mufti wrote in a post on X.

Developed health issues, say cops

A local news agency quoting the police said that an accused in a narcotics case developed health issues while in custody and was subsequently brought dead to a local hospital in south Kashmir’s Pulwama district.

“Imtiaz Ahmed Pala, son of Gul Mohammed Pala, a resident of Lidermund Bra- Vandana, who was facing charges under FIR 42/2024 for violations of Section 8, 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, was reported to have developed severe health complications during his detention at the Litter Police Station,” the local news agency stated.

It added that Pala’s condition deteriorated rapidly, prompting his transfer to a nearby hospital, where he was declared brought dead. However, Pala’s family rejected the police’s claim. “We demand a transparent investigation into the matter,” the kin demanded. They added Imtiyaz, who was a mechanic by profession, had two daughters and a son.

As ‘proxies’ lose deposit, BJP may change strategy in Assembly poll

ARJUN SHARMA

JAMMU, JUNE 5 The security deposit of all non-BJP candidates that were backed by the saffron party was forfeited in the General Election. This has led to a buzz inside the party’s Jammu and Kashmir unit that a new strategy would have to be formed for the Assembly poll, which are expected to be held by September.

The BJP was banking on smaller parties, including Apni Party and the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), whose candidates were also termed as proxies of the BJP by opposition leaders. While the BJP initially kept its support behind the curtains, it came out in the open in the later stage of election.

Many opposition leaders had claimed that the BJP backed candidates of non-BJP parties to create vote division

Elections expected in September

in constituencies of Kashmir as well as in the Udhampur seat of Jammu division.

In Anantnag, Apni Party’s Zafar Iqbal Manhas and DPAP’s Mohammad Saleem Paray lost their security deposit. While the BJP did not field a candidate from the constituency, it openly supported the Apni Party candidate and urged the Pahari-speaking community to vote for him. Paray also termed as a BJP proxy, was also not able to make any difference. Manhas got 13.86 per cent votes whereas Paray got 2.49 per cent votes.

According to EC’s rules, a candidate has to get at least one-sixth of the total votes polled in a constituency to get back their security deposit. A general category candidate has

to deposit Rs 25,000 as security to contest Lok Sabha poll.

In Srinagar, Apni Party’s Mohammad Ashraf Mir got 9.77 per cent votes, while DPAP’s Amir Ahmad Bhat got only 2.24 per cent votes.

In Udhampur, Congress candidate Choudhary Lal Singh contested against BJP’s sitting MP – Jitendra Singh, who won the poll. DPAP’s candidate GM Saroori, who was being termed as a vote divider especially in the Muslim belt, got a meager 3.56 per cent votes. Muslim dominated areas of Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban significantly voted for Congress candidate as he got 40.11 per cent votes.

BJP insiders say as the smaller parties were not able to make much difference during the Lok Sabha poll, it is likely that there will be a shift in the party’s strategy for Assembly elections.

PoK man held near LoC in Poonch

MENDHAR/JAMMU, JUNE 5

An elderly man from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir was apprehended after he illegally crossed over into the Indian territory along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Wednesday.

They said the man was identified as Munir Hussain, a 72-year-old resident of Battal village of PoK. He was taken into custody at Nangi Takarai forward area near Ghora post in Mankote sector of Mendhar sub-division on Tuesday evening, said officials.

They said an Army patrol saw Hussain, who was unarmed, moving into the Indian territory. He tried to flee when he was challenged. No incriminating material was recovered from him, they added.

The officials said preliminary questioning of the individual suggests that he might have crossed the LoC inadvertently. — PTI

Stunned by Omar’s defeat, NC finally issues victory statement

SRINAGAR, JUNE 5

After the defeat of party vice-president Omar Abdullah in the North Kashmir constituency, the National Conference has refrained from celebrating the victories of its two candidates from South Kashmir and Srinagar.

The atmosphere within the party remains somber and the headquarters at Nawai Subh lacks any festive decor. However, on Wednesday evening, the party released a statement from president Farooq Abdullah and vice-president Omar Abdullah, stating that the National Conference remains a formidable force, steadfastly standing for the people, by the people, and of the people.

“We congratulate our party workers and cadre for their tireless dedication and unwavering spirit that led us to a thumping victory in the

Had refrained from celebrating win in 2 seats



The J&K National Conference headquarters in Srinagar wore a deserted look as Omar Abdullah lost from Baramulla. PTI

elections,” the message read.

The party said that this triumph was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and unity of every single one of their party workers and their relentless effort, commitment and perseverance.

“As we celebrate this momentous achievement, we endeavour to fulfill the aspirations of our people on

every platform from the absolute outset,” Abdullahs said in the statement.

“This victory is not just ours but is one that belongs to every citizen of the State of Jammu and Kashmir, every supporter, every voter, and each one of our unsung hero’s who ensured our flag forever flies high,” the party leadership said. — OC

Next step at right time...

Samajwadi Party, Tejashwi Yadav of the Rashtriya Janata Dal, Kalpana Soren and Champai Soren of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, Sitaram Yechury of the CPM, D Raja of the CPI and Dipankar Bhattacharya of the CPI(ML) took part in the meeting.

Mamata deputed Abhishek Banerjee, her nephew and political successor, to attend the meeting. With Arvind Kejriwal lodged in the Tihar Jail, Sanjay Singh and Raghav Chadha represented AAP.

Omar Abdullah of the National Conference, NK Premachandra of the Revolutionary Socialist Party and PK Kunhalikutty of the Indian Union of Muslim League also took part in the meeting.

A total of 33 leaders belonging to 21 parties participated

in the meeting today.

The INDIA bloc has a total strength of 234 MPs with Congress leading the pack having won 99 seats in the recently concluded Lok Sabha poll. It needs 40 more MPs for the majority in the Lok Sabha.

While representatives of the Shiv Sena and TMC were in favour of making an aggressive push to stake claim for forming the government at the Centre, the general consensus was to wait and strike at an appropriate time.

The BJP-led NDA, which has won in more than 290 seats, has already set in motion the process of forming the government with its pre-poll allies such as the TDP of Chandrababu Naidu and the JD(U) led by Nitish Kumar standing firmly behind the BJP.

the NDA and public show of support by Naidu and Nitish put an end to speculation to the contrary, if any, with INDIA bloc leaders in a separate meeting sufficing to “welcome all parties that believe in the Constitution to their fold”.

As per the final tally, the NDA won 293 seats (including TDP’s 16 and JD(U)’s 12) and INDIA bloc 234. The halfway mark in the Lok Sabha is 272, with the BJP winning 240 on its own.

Putting all speculation of drifting to the opposition side to rest, Naidu announced his support for the NDA and Modi earlier today before he joined the NDA meeting at the PM’s official residence.

The Congress was quick to remind Naidu of how in 2018, while quitting the NDA in protest against the denial of special status to Andhra Pradesh, he had said, “We want to send this message across loud and clear, all efforts by the BJP to attack

the Indian democracy will be met with a strong opposition. People must understand that any leader will do better than PM Modi ji. The BJP government has let the people of this country down in all possible ways.”

Today’s Naidu was a changed man, pragmatism dictating his decision to stay with the NDA as he needs massive central funds to develop Andhra and build new capital Amravati. JD(U) general secretary KC Tyagi also ruled out the possibility of flip-flops by Nitish saying his boss had quit the INDIA bloc after being humiliated. “There is no question of Nitish Kumar going back. We are with the NDA and will also join the government, if invited,” he said.

The TDP and the JD(U) have commenced back-channel talks with the BJP strategists to secure hard bargains. Though there is no official word from any party, the TDP

is learnt to have sought the Lok Sabha Speaker’s post, three Cabinet and two MoS berths in road transport, rural development and Jal Shakti segments. The JD(U) is also learnt to have asked for three Cabinet berths and the LJP one. Some parties like Eknath Shinde’s Shiv Sena have, however, given a written letter of unconditional support. Both the TDP and the JD(U) have demanded special category status for Andhra Pradesh and Bihar.

Government sources said Naidu would stick with the BJP because he wanted to fulfil promises made to Andhra, where the TDP-led NDA government had come to power defeating the ruling YSRCP. With Naidu staying in the NDA, Nitish was unlikely to gamble with the opposition simply because he had only 12 MPs. The NDA would still have 281 MPs—above the majority mark of 272 if Nitish left. The sources also

said the INDIA bloc with 20 parties—14 of them with four or lesser MPs—would struggle to cobble up a stable alliance.

The BJP privately questioned the absence of senior INDIA leaders Mamata Banerjee of the TMC and Uddhav Thackeray of Shiv Sena (UBT) at the meeting at Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge’s residence. Both nominated their representatives.

Earlier today, the PM chaired the last meeting of the outgoing Union Cabinet, which recommended dissolution of the 17th Lok Sabha to President Droupadi Murmu. Modi and his ministers later resigned and Murmu, accepting the resignations, asked the council of ministers to continue till a new government was formed. She also dissolved the 17th Lok Sabha on the Union Cabinet’s recommendation. The term of the 17th Lok Sabha ends on June 16.

Knives out as AAP...

Pathak is expected to reach here by Friday morning, and he along with CM Mann will chair meetings of MLAs from each of the 13 parliamentary constituencies to analyse the reasons for the setback and decide on remedial measures.

Meanwhile at a press conference in New Delhi today, Pathak said in spite of the difficult circumstances for AAP because of the arrest of many of its leaders, it did well in Punjab and Chandigarh by stopping the BJP from winning. “Our vote share has increased from 7 per cent in 2019 to 26 per cent.”

The sources said a Cabinet reshuffle was imminent now, and several new faces could be brought in employing the “social engineering” tactic. A Hindu face might be inducted from Ludhiana as the Cabinet so far has no representation from the city.

During the rejig, the results in Assembly segments of all AAP MLAs will determine the allocation of Cabinet berths. The party lost in the Assembly

constituencies represented by eight ministers Lal Chand Katarachak, Balkar Singh, Laljit Bhullar, Anmol Gagan Maan, Dr Baljit Kaur, Brahm Shankar Jimpa, Gurmeet Singh Khudian and Harbhajan Singh ETO.

AAP leaders are also concerned about the reduction of the party vote base, which is more apparent in the reserved Assembly segments. An analysis of voting pattern by AAP has revealed that its Dalit vote base has shifted to the Congress.

Manwinder Singh Gyasapura, the AAP MLA from Payal, said the party must analyse how the Dalits, constituting 34 per cent of voters in Punjab, had switched over to the Congress. “In Fatehgarh Sahib, they voted en masse for the Congress. We need to analyse why they shifted their loyalties and do immediate course correction. On the other hand, the youth has been swayed by Amritpal,” he said.

Court rejects bail...

interim bail plea, stating it was not maintainable as Kejriwal was essentially seeking an extension of the Supreme Court’s interim bail order, which was not permissible.

They also emphasised mandatory rigors under Section 45 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) for granting bail and accused Kejriwal of suppressing facts by not disclosing his similar plea to the Supreme Court.

Senior Advocate N Hariharan, representing Kejriwal, cited his medical condition as the reason for seeking interim bail,

mentioning stress-related aggravation of his diabetes and the necessity to campaign.

The Supreme Court registry had recently refused to list Kejriwal’s plea for a seven-day extension of interim bail, giving him the liberty to seek regular bail from the trial court.

Meanwhile, Delhi CM’s wife Sunita Kejriwal and AAP Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha met him in Tihar Jail, official sources said. Both were allowed to meet Kejriwal in the visitors’ room at 1 pm for half an hour as per the jail rules, they added.

Poor bypoll show, BJP may rework...

dharna outside the Vidhan Sabha on March 30 to press for the early acceptance of their resignation.

They were hoping that the bypolls in their segments would be held along with the Lok Sabha and six Vidhan Sabha byelections on June 1, which could not

happen as the Speaker kept his decision on their resignation in abeyance.

The three had even met Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and sought his intervention on the matter. They had even failed to get any relief from the court.

Nine members of trekking expedition die...

details regarding the rescue operation and also visuals of a helicopter that was deployed for it in a post on X.

“Racing against time, #IAF helicopters have successfully evacuated three survivors and the mortal remains of five trekkers, out of the 15 trekkers who were trapped in severe weather while trekking to Sahastra Tal, Uttarkashi.

“Due to the high altitude and

undulating terrain, the rescue was conducted by two light-weight Cheetah helicopters from the higher ground to the base camp and further to the nearest medical centre with medium lift Mi17 V5 helicopters. Three Sherpas and the mortal remains of four trekkers will be evacuated tomorrow,” the IAF posted.

Earlier in the day, an official in Uttarakhand said four

members of the trekking team have died and 18 others were stranded on a trek to Sahastra Tal alpine lake, situated at an altitude of 4,100-4,400 metres in the upper Himalayan region.

The trekking team comprised 18 trekkers from Karnataka and one from Maharashtra, besides three local guides, Uttarkashi District Magistrate Meharban Singh

Bisht said. The team was to return by June 7, but lost its way due to bad weather as it approached Sahastratal from the last base camp, Bisht said.

The trekking agency later found that four members of the team had died and others were stranded, the DM said. Land and aerial rescue operations were launched in search of the trekkers, he said. — PTI

Behind saffron slide in UP, an indifferent RSS, a sidelined CM

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5
“Na Mathura, na Kashi, hame chahiye Awadhesh Pasi,” is the slogan a BJP insider cited on Wednesday when asked to dissect the party’s stunning loss in the Faizabad Lok Sabha seat which houses the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

Coined by supporters of Samajwadi Party’s Faizabad candidate Awadhesh Prasad, a Pasi Dalit, who defeated BJP’s two-term MP from the segment Lallu Singh, a Thakur, on Tuesday, the slogan summed up the mood in the area and across the state.

With the BJP losing heavily in the UP Lok Sabha poll — down from 62 MPs in 2019 to 33 now — state leaders today said anti-incumbency against most sitting MPs was a writing on the wall which no one was willing to read.

Faizabad MP Lallu Singh who lost to Awadhesh, the joint SP-Congress nominee, by 54,567 votes was one among many. Sources said Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had recommended replacement of some candidates, but it was not considered.

“Also there was a feeling that Yogi was being sidelined in ticket distribution. Of the 62 sitting party MPs, 55 were re-nominated despite state leaders flagging massive anti-incumbency sentiment against many of them,” sources privy to BJP strategy said.

The Tribune has also learnt of murmurs in the RSS, BJP’s ideological mentor organisation, about what some see as “attempts to sideline the popular CM in the state.”

“Questions are being raised



Demolished buildings along Rampath street in Ayodhya. The BJP lost the Faizabad seat where Ram Temple is situated. Locals are resentful over demolition of their houses for expansion of roads. PTI

BJP LOST PITCH TO SP’S DALIT NOMINEE EVEN IN SLOGAN WAR	
■ In the Ram Mandir segment of Faizabad, the slogan “Na Mathura, na Kashi... hame chahiye Awadhesh Pasi” in favour of Sama-	jwadi Party’s Dalit candidate resonated more than BJP’s “Jo Ram ko laaye hain, unhe hum layenge” pitch

in the RSS about attempted sidelining of Yogi in the state. People are discussing this,” a source said. Another source questioned lack of denial by the BJP of AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal’s remark that Yogi would be replaced as the CM if the BJP returned to power.

“Kejriwal made two statements when he came out of jail — PM Modi will retire and Yogi will be replaced as the CM. The first was denied, the second was not,” said a saffron insider, poring over UP losses, where, he said, the RSS was indifferent though not completely withdrawn when it came to election

mobilisation.

The UP BJP strategy was directly being overseen by Shah with inputs from other leaders, including national general secretary Sunil Bansal, who has deep roots in the state having handled it in the past. Taking Faizabad loss as the test case, the sources said the SC-OBC-Muslim consolidation behind the SP-Congress combine trumped Ram Mandir push in UP.

Awadhesh, SP’s founder-member and former minister, addressed rallies with portraits of BR Ambedkar in tow and hammered allegations that the BJP was seeking 400 seats to change the Constitution.

“Lallu Singh was among BJP candidates who said 400

seats were needed to change the Constitution. This narrative went home,” said Arvind Kumar, a Faizabad local.

Awadhesh, a Dalit, defeated Singh and emerged the only SC candidate in UP to win from a non-reserved seat.

And all this happened despite the Ram Mandir momentum and PM Narendra Modi’s May 6 roadshow in Ayodhya. “Dharam ki ek hi kaat hai... jaati,” said another local Satyendra Singh explaining Awadhesh’s win at a time when Lallu Singh’s principal slogan was “Jo Ram ko laye hain... unhe hum layenge.”

Miscalculations in UP majorly halted BJP’s march to simple majority in the 18th Lok Sabha.

Rahul’s visits to Manipur pay Cong dividends in North-East

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

Though much is being said about former Congress president Rahul Gandhi’s two “yatras” and how it created a groundswell of support for the party, his visits to strife-torn Manipur and how these impacted the poll results in the state has escaped media attention.

Rahul first visited Manipur in June last year when the Meitei-Kuki clashes had engulfed the state. He again went to Imphal in January this year as the “Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra” programme led by him took off from Manipur. The concern shown by Rahul paid off as the Congress won both seats in Manipur.

It also put up a good show in other north-eastern states, showing that the impact of Rahul’s two visits spread beyond Manipur. The Congress won the solitary Lok

WON BOTH SEATS IN STRIFE-TORN STATE

■ Cong has won both seats in Manipur and the solitary seat in Nagaland

■ Assam: The party won three seats, the highlight being Rakibul Hussain’s 10 lakh-vote margin over AIDUF’s Badruddin Ajmal

■ Meghalaya: Cong’s Saleng A Sangma defeated CM Conrad Sangma’s sister Agatha Sangma from Tura

Sabha seat in Nagaland. It once again won one seat in Meghalaya, this time in the Garo Hills. In Assam, the party’s tally stood at three, the same as in 2019.

The performance by the Congress in the north-eastern states also had a Punjabi flavour to it as the AICC screening committee for the cluster consisting the eastern states, including the NE states, was headed by Rana KP Singh, former Punjab Assem-

bled Speaker. A Bimol Akoijam, a JNU professor who was given the ticket by the Congress for the Inner Manipur seat, disregarding claims made by many other aspirants, won by a margin of more than one lakh votes over his nearest rival T Basanta Kumar Singh of the BJP.

Akoijam gained popularity by putting up a counter narrative to the arguments put forward by Kuki intellectuals to drive home the Kuki point of view in the context of the ongoing Meitei-Kuki clash in Manipur. Educated Meiteis, including students, voted for Akoijam. Congress candidate Alfred Kanngam S Arthurwon from the Outer Manipur seat by defeating his nearest rival from the Naga Peoples Front by over 85,000 votes. “The results reflect the utter disillusionment of the people of Manipur with regard to the BJP-led government in the state and the Centre,” said Rana.

RJD’s reliance on Kushwaha voters alienated others

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

Of Bihar’s 40 Lok Sabha seats, the RJD contested 23, the Vikassheel Insaan Party three seats, the Congress nine and the Left five. The RJD ended up winning only four, Congress three and CPI (ML) two. For Tejashwi Yadav the results were distressing as the RJD had spearheaded the campaign, giving less space to other opposition leaders.

Senior RJD leaders feel that its traditional Muslim-Yadav voter base was hit due to the party’s latest experiment of giving another OBC group — the Kushwahas (a traditional vote bank of the NDA) — more preference.

“The importance being given to Kushwaha voters at the cost of Muslim and Yadav communities backfired as rebels contested against the INDIA bloc nominees, be it in Nawada or other constituencies,” an RJD leader said.

Goldy Brar charged with Karni Sena chief’s killing

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

The NIA on Wednesday filed its chargesheet against Canada-based terrorist and gangster Goldy Brar and 11 others for their alleged involvement in the killing of Karni Sena chief Sukhdev Singh Gogamedi last year.

During its probe, the NIA found that a notorious terrorist-gangster syndicate was behind the killing of Gogamedi, who

was shot dead in his house in Jaipur. Two others — Naveen Shekhawat and Ajeet Singh — were also killed and Gogamedi’s gunman Narendra Singh was injured in the attack.

The NIA had arrested eight persons for their involvement in the conspiracy to kill Gogamedi. Besides Brar, four others, including gangsters Mahendra Kumar, Ravataram Swami alias

Rohit Godara and Virendra Charan, are still absconding.

In its chargesheet filed before the Special Court, Jaipur, the NIA has charged all 12 identified accused, belonging to Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab, under various sections of the IPC, Arms Act and the UAPA.

The investigation had revealed that Godara was the mastermind who had

hatched the murder conspiracy along with Charan, Brar and others. After the murder, Godara and Brar had accepted the responsibility and used it to threaten and extort money from other individuals.

Two assailants — Rohit Rathore and Nitin Rajui — had received pistols along with several rounds for carrying out the attack on December 5, 2023. — TNS

PM SHRI SCHOOL JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA
GOINDWAL SAHIB, TARN TARAN (PB.)
RECRUITMENT OF PGT YOGA ON CONTRACT BASIS

Applications are invited for the post of PGT Yoga purely on contract basis for the session 2024-25 through online mode (through google form) whose link is placed on the website of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Goindwal Sahib, Tarn Taran (Punjab) i.e. <https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/TARN TARAN/en/home> from the eligible candidates. Online application (through google form) starts from **dated 05.06.2024** and Closing date for submission of Online application is dated **10.06.2024**. The Educational Qualification of candidate is MA/M.Sc in Yoga OR M.P.Ed with Yoga as a compulsory subject in B.P.Ed and M.P.Ed. Monthly remuneration is Rs. 35750/-.

The application form, eligibility criteria and detail guidelines for the engagement services of skill teacher (PGT Yoga) are available on the Vidyalaya website as cited above. Only the shortlisted candidates will be informed on their registered email address for personal interactions. The personal talk will be held on 13.06.2024 from 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM at JNV Goindwal Sahib, Distt. Tarn Taran (Pb.).

The applicants invited for personal talk/Interview must have to bring duly filled in application form, one set of self-attested Xerox documents and original documents for verification.

DI-3327 **PRINCIPAL**

JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA
PHPAHRE BHAIKE DISTT. MANSA
TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from the registered reputed Suppliers/Firms/Manufacturers for supply of Dry Ration & Daily Need items, Vegetable & Fruits, Bakery items, Washing & Ironing of Uniform, Vidyalaya Tuckshop/Canteen (without PCO), Hair Cutting of students, Electric items, Plumbing items. etc. for the year 2024-25. Tender forms along with specification of items and terms & conditions can be obtained from vidyalaya office against payment of Rs. 300.00 on any working day from **07.06.2024** or before **27.06.2024 at 01.00 p.m.** The Tender Documents along with terms and conditions can be downloaded from vidyalaya's website <https://www.navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/Mansa/en/home> and the downloaded tender documents should be submitted along with separate demand draft of Rs. 300.00 each as tender fee. Tender forms complete in all respects along with Earnest Money must reach to the undersigned by **03.00 p.m. up to 27.06.2024**. Tenders will be opened in the office of the S.D.M., Mansa (Punjab) on 28.06.2024 at 12.00 noon by the PAC of the Vidyalaya in the presence of tenderers or their authorized representatives.

Sd/- Principal
DI-3330

DR. AMBEDKAR INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT, SECTOR - 42D, CHANDIGARH
PHONE NO: 0172-2604833
TENDER NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

Online bids are invited from Licensed suppliers (wherever applicable) for supply of below mentioned items for use in the Institute/Hostel Mess/EDC Hotel for the Financial Year 2024-2025.

KEY DATES	
Name of Items	Meat Products
On line availability of tender	03.06.2024, 05:00 PM
Last date & Time for on line Submission of bids/physical Submission of earnest money	24.06.2024, 04:00 PM
Date of Opening of bid documents	25.06.2024, 11:00 AM

For offline viewing of detailed terms and conditions eligibility criteria etc. please log on to website www.ihmchandigarh.org

For participating in the above e-tenders, the suppliers shall have to get themselves registered on <http://etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep>

For any clarifications/difficultly regarding e-tendering process please contact at mobile No. +91 9872722688.

Sd/- Principal

JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA DABURI
DISTT. GURDASPUR (PUNJAB)
TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, sealed Tenders for the session **2024-25** are invited from manufacturers/whole sale dealers/distributors/Suppliers (Who have GST and filling income tax return regularly) as below mentioned items:

S.No.	Name of tender Items	S.No.	Name of tender Items
01.	Dry Ration	06.	Jr. Science Lab Items
02.	Daily Need Items	07.	Mathematics Lab Items
03.	Vegetables & Fruit	08.	Washing and Ironing of Uniform
04.	Bakery Items	09.	Hiring of Vehicle on contract Basis
05.	Science Lab Items		

The tender documents with detailed instructions also can be obtained from Vidyalaya office of the **JNV Daburi Distt. Gurdaspur** from the date of publication of advertisement on any working day between **09.00 am to 04.00 pm** or may be download from the Vidyalaya website JNV Daburi, Distt. Gurdaspur <https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/Gurdaspur/en/home/index.html> up to **23.06.2024** on payment of **Rs. 300/-** for each tender document. There will be a separate tender document for each items of supply. Earnest money must be in the shape of **only Demand Draft in the favour of Principal JNV Daburi payable at Dorangla (Gurdaspur)**. The tenders duly filled will be received on or before **23.06.2024 up to 04.00 pm** by registered post/ to drop the tender in tender Box at Vidyalaya office. If any tenderer will get Tender form of Vidyalaya's website then he will be pay extra **Rs. 300/-** (Separate DD) with his earnest money. The tenders will be opened by the purchase Advisory Committee of the Vidyalaya on **24.06.2024 at 11.00 am in the office of the Principal JNV Daburi (Gurdaspur)** in the presence of tenderers or their authorized representatives and any other date convenient to Vidyalaya PAC. **The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject the tender at any stage.**

Sd/- Principal

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Appointment of Vice-Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Madhya Pradesh (A Central University)

Indira Gandhi National Tribal University is a leading Central University. The Vice-Chancellor, being the academic as well as administrative head, is expected to be:

- A person possessing the highest level of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment.
- A distinguished academician, with a minimum of 10 years' experience as Professor in a University or 10 years' experience in reputed research and/or academic administrative organization with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership.
- Preferably not more than 65 years of age as on the closing date of receipt of applications of this advertisement.

Salary and Service Conditions

- The post carries a pay of Rs. 2,10,000/- (Fixed) per month with Special Allowance of Rs. 11,250/- and other usual allowances.
- The terms and conditions of the services will be those as set forth in the Act, Statutes and Ordinances of the University.

Procedure for appointment

- Appointment will be made from panel of names recommended by a committee constituted under the provisions of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University Act, 2007.
- The advertisement is available on the websites <https://www.education.gov.in> and <https://www.igntu.ac.in>
- Candidates are required to **"APPLY ONLINE ONLY"** on the Ministry of Education SAMARTH portal as per the link given below:
<https://vcrc.education.gov.in/index.php/>
- The above link will be active from, 06.06.2024, 10:00 Hours to, 05.07.2024, 17:00 Hours.

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PM SHRI SCHOOL JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, PANDOH, DISTT. MANDI (H.P.)
Ref. No. JNV/JNVMND/2024/Yoga/ **Dated: 05.06.2024**
CONTRACT APPOINTMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited for the post of PGT Yoga purely on contract basis for the session 2024-25 through online mode (through google form) whose link is placed on the website of PM SHRI School Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Pandoh, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) i.e. School Website:- <https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/MANDI/en/home> from the eligible candidates.

Online application (through google form) start from	05.06.2024
Closing date for submission of Online application	11.06.2024
Education Qualification	MA/M.Sc. in Yoga OR M.P.Ed. with Yoga as a compulsory subject in B.P.Ed. and M.P.Ed.
Monthly Remuneration	35750/- per month

The application form, eligibility criteria and detail guidelines for the engagement services of skill teacher (PGT Yoga) are available on the Vidyalaya website as cited above. Only the shortlisted candidates will be informed on their registered email address for personal interactions. The personal talk will be held on **13.06.2024** at PM SHRI School JNV Pandoh, Distt. Mandi (H.P.).

The applicants invited for personal talk/interview must have to bring duly filled in application form, one set of self-attested xerox documents and original documents for verification.

Sd/- PRINCIPAL
DI-3328

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE				
SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH.	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/ TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees
1	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL JHAJJAR	1. DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION SEGREGATION TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AND PROCESSING OF WASTE IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL JHAJJAR. 2. SANITATION WORK AT MAIN ROAD SWEEPING, LIFTING AND NANASTROM WATER DRAIN CLEANING SERVICES IN MC JHAJJAR JURISDICTION.	24.05.2024 18.06.2024	484 LACS
WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH.: https://etenders.hry.nic.in				
NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS:-MAIL: 9467283967_eo-hajjar@ulbharyana.gov.in				
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

GOVT. MULTI SPECIALTY HOSPITAL

SECTOR-16, CHANDIGARH

Applications are invited for filling up 37 No's. of posts of House Surgeons for a period of six months tenure for the Session from July, 2024 to December, 2024 in the various departments of Govt. Multi-Specialty Hospital Sector-16, Chandigarh. The breakup of seats are as under:-

1. Medicine Department	: 07
2. Medicine (ICU)	: 04
3. Surgery Department	: 06
4. Ortho Department	: 02
5. Gynae Department	: 06
6. Paed. Department	: 06
7. Eye Department	: 02
8. ENT Department	: 02
9. Skin Department	: 02

Pay:- Fixed stipend of Rs. 31,500/- will be paid per month Reserved for Schedule Casts/OBC/Person with Disability

Schedule Caste	: 05 No's.
O.B.C	: 09 No's.
Person with disability	: 01 No's.
General Category	: 22 No's.

If no candidate is available from reserve category, SC, OBC & person with disability, the same post will be adjusted in the General Category. No separate circular/advertisement will be given.

QUALIFICATIONS

:M.B.B.S from recognized university and Internship completed.

PROFORMA

1. Name

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2. S/o, D/o, W/o

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3. M.B.B.S passed during the year

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4. Date of birth

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(Photocopy of Matriculation Certificate or birth certificate be attached.

5. Residence Address

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6. College

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7. Category(Gen/SC/OBC/ Person with Disability

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8. Internship completed/ Completing on

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9. Name of Hospital from Internship done

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1 From To Period

2 From To Period

10. Mobile Number

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11. Order of preference for the Department

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12. Age limit: Age of the candidate should not be more than 30 years as on 30.06.2024.

13. Total marks in final year MBBS only

Obtained

14. Percentage of marks in Final year (I & II):

%age.

15. The candidate who have done their MBBS from abroad. They should also attach the copy of pass certificate of test from Medical Council of India, New Delhi (Mentioning total marks and obtained marks) duly attested.

The applicants are requested to attach the following Certificate (duly self attested) with the application.

1. M.B.B.S. Pass Certificate

2. Internship Completion Certificates

3. SC/OBC/Person with Disability Certificates.

4. Detail Marks in all professions.

5. House Job already done

6. Character Certificate.

7. Permanent Registration with Medical Council/ State Medical Council.

8. Attempt Certificate..

9. Two attested passport size latest photographs.

10. M.D/M.S candidates are not eligible.

11. Incomplete application, deficiency in documents and received after the due date will not be entertained.

12. The candidates, who have already completed 02 (Two) House Jobs anywhere in India is not eligible

The selection shall be made only as per academic merit. All eligible candidates are requested to appear on 26.06.2024 at 10:00 A.M. alongwith original documents/ certificates in conference Room, 3rd floor, New OPD Building GMSH-16, Chandigarh. No separate intimation will be sent. No T.A & DA will be paid. No boarding and Lodging will be provided for appearing on the day for the selection of House Surgeons.

NOTE:- * The said notice is also available on the website of NHM, U.T., Chandigarh i.e. www.nrhmchd.aov.in.

* The last date for receipt of application is 20.06.2024 by 05:00 PM in the office of Medical Superintendent-cum.Jt Principal Medical Officer, (Room No. 24), Govt Multi-Specialty Hospital, Sector-16, Chandigarh.

* The provisional list of eligible candidates will be available on the website of NHM i.e. www.nrhmchd.gov.in on 24.06.2024 and also on the Notice Board of Medical Superintendent Office, GMSH-16, Chandigarh.

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GLOBE TROT

CAPTIVATING!

The RAF Red Arrows perform a fly-past during a D-Day commemoration event in Britain on Wednesday. REUTERS

Chile to install world's largest astronomy camera

SANTIAGO: With a resolution above 3.2 gigapixels, a nearly three-tonne weight and the ambitious task of carrying out an unprecedented decade-long exploration, the largest digital camera ever built for optical astronomy is ready to be installed under the clear skies of northern Chile. REUTERS

Russian 1st cosmonaut to spend 1K days in space

MOSCOW: A 59-year-old Russian cosmonaut has become the first person to spend 1,000 days in space. Oleg Kononenko achieved the milestone on Tuesday, having made five journeys to the International Space Station since 2008. His current trip to the ISS began September 15, when he was launched alongside NASA astronaut Loral O'Hara and compatriot Nikolai Chub. AP

This year's May hottest ever: EU climate agency

BRUSSELS, JUNE 5

The European Union's climate service said last month marked the hottest May ever, capping 12 straight months of average monthly temperature records amid high and rising concerns about global warming.

The EU's Copernicus climate change service, a global reference for tracking world temperatures, cited an average surface air temperature of 15.9 degrees Celsius last month — or 1.52 C higher than the estimated May average before industrial times.

The report was highlighted by UN chief Antonio Guterres to ratchet up his concerns about climate change. — AP

ANC in talks with 5 parties for coalition govt in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, JUNE 5

Top officials in South Africa's African National Congress (ANC) have had initial talks with representatives of five other parties over a coalition or other agreement to form a government, but no decision has been made and the talks are at an early stage, the ANC said Wednesday.

South Africa faced an election deadlock after the long-ruling ANC lost its 30-year majority in an election last week but no party managed to overtake it. The ANC remained the biggest party.

ANC spokesperson Mahlengi Bhengu-Motsiri told reporters that there had been "exploratory" talks with

Israel steps up Gaza offensive as US presses for ceasefire deal

CAIRO, JUNE 5

Israel announced a new military campaign against Hamas in central Gaza on Wednesday and Palestinian medics said airstrikes there had killed dozens of people ahead of talks between US and Qatari mediators to try to finalise a ceasefire deal.

The armed wings of Hamas and Islamic Jihad said they had fought gun battles with Israeli forces in areas throughout the enclave and fired anti-tank rockets and shells as the two sides sought the upper hand amid pressure to lay down their arms.

At least 44 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli military strikes in central Gaza Strip areas since Tuesday, health officials in the enclave said. Two children were among the dead laid out on Wednesday.

The Israeli military said jets

ISRAELI NATIONALISTS MARCH THROUGH JERUSALEM'S PALESTINIAN AREA

Jerusalem: Thousands of mostly ultranationalist Israelis were taking part in an annual march through a sensitive Palestinian area of Jerusalem today, with some stoking already surging wartime tensions by chanting "Death to Arabs". The annual march commemorates "Jerusalem Day", which marks Israel's capture of east Jerusalem. AP

Israelis participate in 'Jerusalem Day' march in Old City. REUTERS

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Gunman fires at US mission in Lebanon

BEIRUT, JUNE 5

A gunman fired shots at the US embassy in Lebanon on Wednesday and was wounded in an exchange of fire with troops, Lebanese army said.

The army said the attacker, a Syrian national, was detained and taken to hospital for treatment and soldiers were searching through the area for other gunmen.

The US embassy said small arms fire was reported near its entrance in the morning but that the facility and staff were safe.

US ambassador Lisa Johnson is currently travelling outside Lebanon, according to diplomatic sources. — Reuters

Sunita Williams flies to space for third time

HOUSTON, JUNE 5

Indian-origin astronaut Sunita Williams flew to space for the third time on Wednesday along with a colleague, scripting history as the first members aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft to the International Space Station.

Boeing's Crew Flight Test mission carrying Williams, and Butch Wilmore lifted off from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida after multiple delays. Williams, 58, is the pilot for the flight test while Wilmore, 61, is the commander of the mission.

Williams also made history as the first woman to embark on such a mission. And it

BUSINESS

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Suraksha Group takes control of bankrupt Jaypee Infratech

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

In a big relief to over 20,000 homebuyers, Suraksha Group has taken control of the debt-ridden realty firm Jaypee Infratech by constituting a three-member board and will soon infuse Rs 125 crore equity fund to start construction of stalled housing projects across Delhi-NCR.

The takeover follows insolvency appellate tribunal NCLAT decision on May 24, upholding Suraksha Realty's bid to acquire Jaypee Infratech while directing it to pay an additional Rs 1,334 crore as farmers' compensation.

According to a regulatory filing by Jaypee Infratech on Wednesday, Suraksha Group informed the IMC (Implementation and Monitoring Committee) that May 24, 2024, i.e., the date of the NCLAT order should be treated as the 'Approval Date' as defined in the approved resolution plan.

The IMC, in its meeting held on Tuesday, approved the appointment of Sudhir V Valia, who is promoter of Suraksha Group, as a Non-Executive Director. It approved the appointment of Aalok Cham-

Relief for over 20K homebuyers in Delhi-NCR

founder of Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, one of the leading pharmaceutical companies and world's fifth largest generic pharmaceutical company.

Valia is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and has more than three decades of experience in taxation and finance. He has experience of more than a decade in managing the real estate development activity and infrastructure business through Suraksha Realty and other associates having activity in real estate.

According to sources, Suraksha Group will infuse an equity fund of Rs 125 crore in Jaypee Infratech by June 15 and will soon start the construction process. It will also start making payment to YEIDA as per the schedule. — PTI

India Inc lines up initiatives to help fight climate change

ENVIRONMENT DAY

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 5

As the world is celebrating Environment Day today, major corporate houses outlined their initiatives to cut down carbon footprint and mitigate the problems of climate change.

Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL) commenced a pilot biogas plant at its Manesar facility in the current fiscal. The company will be using food waste from canteens and Napier grass as raw materials. The pilot plant is designed to produce 0.2 tonnes of biogas daily.

Also, the company intends to add 15 MWp solar capacity to its Manesar plant and 20 MWp to the upcoming Kharkhoda plant over the next two years.

"As we ramp up our production capacity from around 2 million to 4 million by 2030-31, we are also accelerating our efforts to increase the

GREEN ENERGY BOOST

“We are also accelerating our efforts to increase the share of sustainable and renewable energy sources. Hisashi Takeuchi, Managing Director and CEO, MSIL

share of sustainable and renewable energy sources across our operations,” said Hisashi Takeuchi, Managing Director & CEO, MSIL.

MG Motor India announced that through the use of water-based paints in the repainting processes of over 1.72 lakh MG vehicles over the past five years across its service centres in India, the company has successfully saved over 30,000 kg of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) from being released into the atmosphere.

The water-based paints emit only 10gm of VOCs per litre compared to the 400gm released by solvent-based paints.

Pace of reforms may slow down: Rating agencies

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

Two global rating agencies today expressed doubt over the pace of “reforms” after it emerged that the BJP will now have to bank heavily on allies to run the government.

“It appears the BJP-led NDA is likely to form the next government, returning Prime Minister Modi for a third term, but with a weakened majority that could pose challenges for the more ambitious elements of the government's reform agenda,” said Fitch.

Moody's expected policy continuity in some sectors but its note pointed out that “the NDA's relatively slim margin of victory, as well as the BJP's loss of its outright majority in Parliament, may delay more far-reaching economic and fiscal reforms that could impede progress on fiscal consolidation.”

Stock markets rebound from poll jitters, jump 3%

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

Rebounding from their worst single-day slide in four years, benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty soared over 3 per cent each on heavy value buying by investors after NDA partners started talks on government formation.

The 30-share BSE Sensex rose 2,303.19 points to end the day at 74,382.24 due to renewed interest in banking, auto and oil shares. In tandem with Sensex, the 50-company Nifty rose 735.85 points or 3.36 per cent to 22,620.35 with most of its companies posting gains as was the case with Sensex.

Shares of nine of the 10 listed Adani Group companies also ended with gains.

There was an increasing demand from Opposition leaders for a probe into incorrect exit polls and Tuesday's stock market crash.

DoT kicks off MSME survey

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has kicked off a project to enable a digital transformation to prepare industries for the advent of 5G and 6G technologies.

The DoT today said its aiding organisations and start-ups through the adoption of industry emerging technologies. For this, “Industry 4.0 a baseline Survey among MSMEs” has been launched that aligns with the broader vision of fostering changes.

The survey will target the challenges faced by MSMEs in utilising advanced technologies. It will seek to cover five sectors each in Northern and Southern India. — TNS

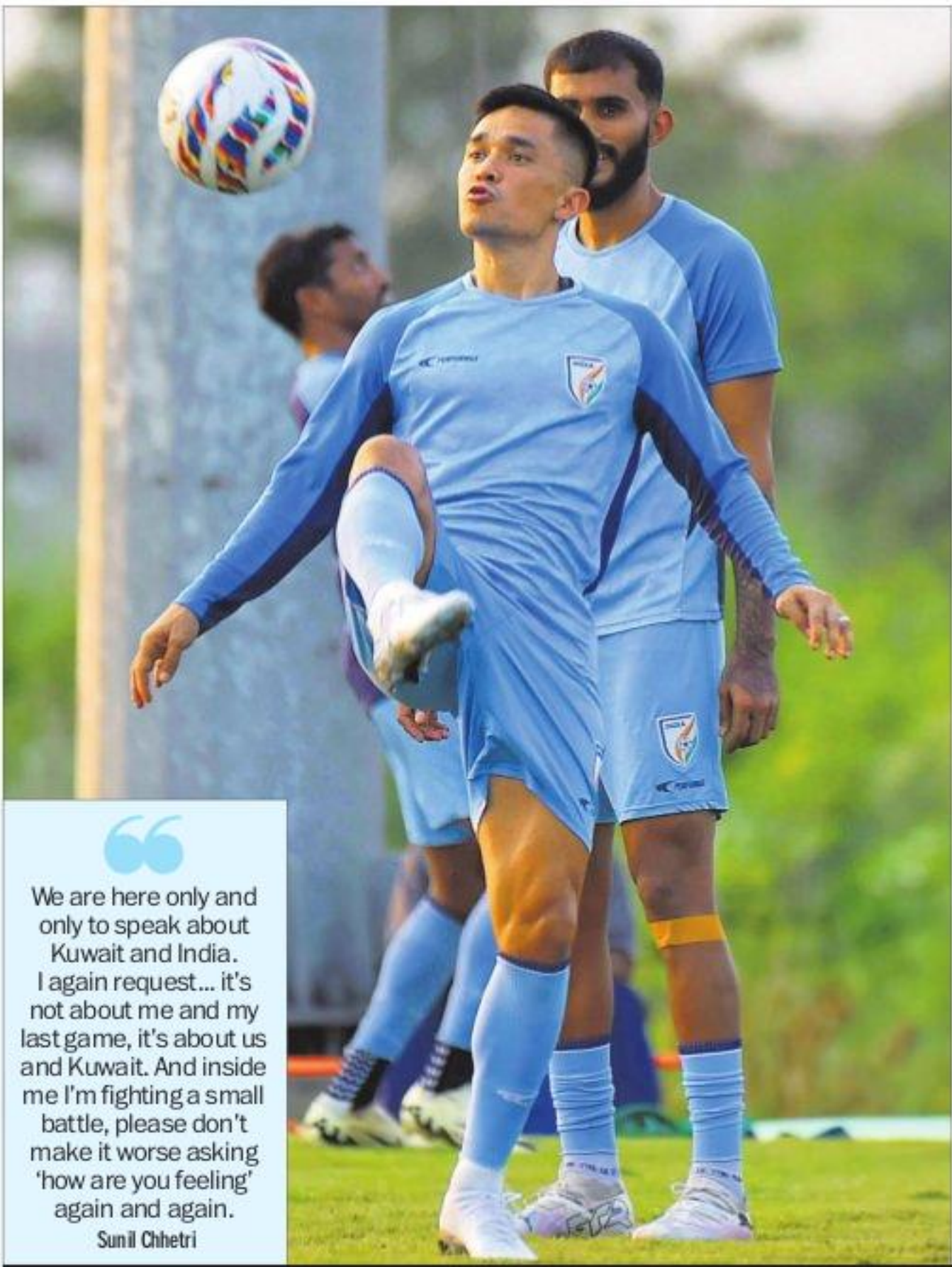
Chhetri's dance with destiny

In his final international game, captain strives to lead India to third round of World Cup qualifiers

DAMAN SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 5
You don't need to have an eidetic memory to remember the man. Sometimes the name — Sunil Chhetri — is enough. That's how strong an impact his long career, with its full panoply of accomplishments, has made on Indian football; that's how sprawling his stardom has been over the years.
And so, it will be an end of an era when Chhetri steps out to play his last match for India against Kuwait in Kolkata tomorrow.

Widely regarded as the face of Indian football, he recently called time on his international career. It was a call that led to a cascading of fervent tributes and blessings from people from all walks of life.

It's hard to imagine that this will be his swansong match. Such is the nature of the belief and hope Chhetri has managed to instil in his faithfuls during his journey.
Every time the ball is at his feet, the expectant crowd can sense that the smooth cadence of his legs will serve up a goal or a killer pass that in turn will lead to one; that his first touch will not gift the ball to the opposition; that no matter how big the trouble, you can always rely on him, both on and off the field — the skipper has been a professed elder brother to his teammates.
“He was simply extraordinary,” remembers Anit Dhuliya of Delhi's Mamta Modern Senior Secondary School, which happens to be Chhetri's alma mater. “I have seen many players come and go but he was a different breed altogether. The vision, the aggressiveness, the finishing... he had it all,” added



“We are here only and only to speak about Kuwait and India. I again request... it's not about me and my last game, it's about us and Kuwait. And inside me I'm fighting a small battle, please don't make it worse asking 'how are you feeling' again and again.”
Sunil Chhetri

Dhuliya, who was also a mentor to Chhetri.

The notion of reassurance is what the 39-year-old brings to the table, something the national side will miss sorely after he's gone. Seemingly, the 'who next' morass is more or less an extension of this deep-seated dread, which gradually turned into a reality simply because of the dearth of quality strikers

at the team's disposal.

Searching...

And that lack of depth stems from the grassroots level and shoots right up to the ISL, India's top division. None except Chhetri from the current batch of the Indians plays in a central role for his club in the ISL. They are either used as a backup option or are sta-

tioned on the flanks.

Chhetri's departure brings the much-discussed train of thought back on track as India search for his successor. The Blue Tigers might have a history of churning out a generational leader to lead the line — from IM Vijayan to Bhaichung Bhutia and then Chhetri — but the current scenario doesn't paint a rosy picture.

History beckons
A win tomorrow will brighten India's chances of advancing to the third round of the FIFA World Cup Qualifier for the first time. Occupying the second spot behind Qatar (12 points) in Group A with four points from four games, India are ahead of Afghanistan on goal difference, while Kuwait have three points. The top two teams will go on to make the third round.

“I've worked 19 years for the national team and we have not been in this position before. I can feel goose bumps but I want the boys to be relaxed tomorrow.”
Sunil Chhetri, INDIA CAPTAIN
This can change the future of Indian football. Honestly, this is the biggest game in my playing and coaching career.
Igor Stimac, INDIA COACH

151
Sunil Chhetri will play his record-extending 151st game for India. Bhaichung Bhutia is a distant second with 84 games. Chhetri has scored a record 94 international goals

If the first name to crop up for taking up the mantle from Chhetri was the injury-ravaged Jeje Lalpekhlua, these days, as India explore their options, the likes of Lalanzuala Chhangte, Manvir Singh, Vikram Partap Singh, Rahim Ali and I-League sensation Lalrinzuala Lalbiaknia spring to mind.
Chhangte in particular has shown a strong desire of late

to fill Chhetri's big shoes as a No. 9, while Manvir has been touted as his immediate replacement. Both embody some of Chhetri's attributes but to an extent only. If Chhangte has quick feet, explosive speed and skill, rangy Manvir is a surprise package inside the box and adept at hold-up play. However, the two lack the finishing quality and calmness in front of goal which their predecessor possessed.

On the other hand, the 22-year-old Vikram could become a long-term replacement if nurtured properly. He has shown potential for Mumbai City FC in the recently-concluded ISL season, grabbing headlines with eight goals and four assists. The kind of workhorse he is, with a Chhetri-like relentless pressing, the Chandigarh-born player can do the needful in the future.

Rahim is the only one who has played as a striker for Chennaiyin FC. But his performances were far from satisfactory, until the 2023-24 season when he scored three goals and got an India call-up.

Aizawl's Lalbiaknia is yet to receive a call-up, but that day doesn't seem far. With the 23-year-old scoring 15 to break the joint-record for most goals by an Indian in an I-League season, previously held by Chhetri and Mohammed Rafi (14), he presents Igor Stimac another viable option up front.

While none of them can be classed in Chhetri's bracket, giving them game-time at the club level in the desired position could help make the decision easier. This in turn will help Stimac sort out the issue, and perhaps we might see another Chhetri shine through.

Pragg falls to Carlsen, Vaishali going strong



Praggnanandhaa lost to Carlsen in the Armageddon game; BELOW: Vaishali beat overnight leader Anna Muzychuk. NORWAY CHESS

NORWAY CHESS
STAVANGER, JUNE 5
Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa went down fighting against top seed Magnus Carlsen of Norway while his elder sister R Vaishali defeated overnight sole leader Anna Muzychuk of Ukraine in the eighth round of Norway Chess here.

With the win, Carlsen stretched his lead to a full point over the United States' Hikaru Nakamura, who lost to Firozja Alireza of France. Meanwhile, world champion Ding Liren's dismal run continued as he lost to Fabiano Caruana of the United States. With just two rounds to go in the six-player double round-robin tournament, Carlsen has 14.5 points, while Nakamura has 13.5. Praggnanandhaa is in third spot on 12, a full point clear of Alireza. Caruana occupies the fifth spot with 9 points, while China's Liren seems to have resigned to his fate in this event, being a distant last on 4.5 points.

In the women's section, world champion Wenjun Ju of China scored a win over Pia Cramling of Sweden to surge ahead of the field on 14.5 points, also benefitting from Muzychuk's loss against Vaishali. The Ukrainian remained in the



second spot on 13 points, 1.5 points ahead of Vaishali and China's Tingjie Lei, who accounted for Koneru Humpy. Humpy on eight points remained fifth in the standings, 3.5 points more than Cramling.

All the three games in the men's category ended in draws in the Classical leading to the Armageddon.

Carlsen could not really dent Praggnanandhaa's solid play in the Classical. With a laboured effort, the world No. 1 won a pawn but only ended up reaching a theoretically drawn rooks and pawns endgame. However, in the following game, Praggnanandhaa could not match the guile of Carlsen and lost a handful of pawns while reaching the endgame wherein the Indian had two minor pieces against a rook. Eventually, white's extra material had the final say. — PTI

BRIEFLY

JAKARTA
Sindhu loses in first round of Indonesia Open

India's ace shuttler P V Sindhu went down to Hsu Wen-chi of Chinese Taipei in the first round of the Indonesia Open on Wednesday in a stunning early exit from the BWF Super 1000 tournament. The duo of Tanisha Crasto and Ashwini Ponnapa, however, progressed to the next round with a 21-15 21-15 win over Canada's Jackie Dent and Crystal Lai in their women's doubles first round clash. Atwo-time Olympics medalist and a former world champion, Sindhu lost the women's singles contest 15-21, 21-15, 14-21, which was her maiden loss to Wen-chi.

MUNICH
Sarabjot qualifies for Munich final in top spot

India's Sarabjot Singh shot an impressive 588 to secure top spot in qualification and make the final of the men's 10m air pistol at the World Cup for rifle/pistol here on Wednesday. Sarabjot became the third Indian to make the medal rounds at the Munich World Cup, after both Ramita and Esha Singh had finished sixth in earlier event finals in air rifle and air pistol. Among other Indians in the men's pistol, Arjun Cheema and Varun Tomar shot scores of 582 each to finish 10th and 11th respectively. The only Indian in the women's air pistol, Rhythm Sangwan, could not make much headway either, finishing 16th with a score of 575. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV
T20 WORLD CUP
USA VS PAKISTAN 9PM
NAMIBIA VS SCOTLAND 12:30AM (FRI)
STAR SPORTS
FIFA WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS
INDIA VS KUWAIT
SPORTS 18 7PM
FRENCH OPEN
SONY SPORTS 2:30PM

Jaismine shows her empathetic side

Paris quota-winning boxer says she prayed for Parveen to avoid sanction

VINAYAK PADMADE
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

Elite athletes by character have a selfish trait in them. Many coaches have cited this trait as the defining feature that differentiates the ones who reach the top from those who fall short despite their skills. Jaismine Lamboria is an exception. Apart from being skilful, she also has empathy for her fellow athletes.

In the merry-go-round just before the Olympics qualification tournament in Bangkok, Jaismine was told to switch her weight class from 60kg to 57kg. The reason was that Parveen Hooda was suspended for 22 months for whereabouts failure of the anti-doping rules and the Paris Olympics quota in the weight class had to be surrendered. Although the change in weight class did not affect the Bhiwani boxer that much, the decision struck a nerve as she felt bad for Parveen.



“We were all aware when the case (about whereabouts) was on. I was praying for Parveen to somehow dodge the suspension and represent India at Paris as she had earned it.”
Jaismine Lamboria

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Jaismine told *The Tribune*.

“I was told three or four days before (the departure) that I was to contest in the 57kg category. I was preparing and looking forward to my competition and thinking about the World Championships as well and then I was told about this switch,” she added.

For someone whose weight oscillates between 57kg and 59kg during training, this switch was not a big bother for the tall boxer who comes from a family of boxers.

“My weight stays in and around 59kg and after sparring and training I tend to lose a kilo and a half so the switch was not that hard for me. Besides, I was in training so it did not affect me at all,” the 22-year-old said.

As she basks in the familiar setting of her home in Bhiwani, the boxer has already set her mind on making a few corrections in her all-round play. At the qualifiers, where she sailed past Azerbaijan's Mahsati

Hamzayeva, Aghamaliyeva and Switzerland's Ana Milisic with successive 5-0 wins before beating Mali's Marine Camara by the same margin in the quarterfinals to punch her Paris ticket, coaches were in her ears.

“Coach (CA) Kuttappa wants me to attack more. My game is all about counterattacks, he wants me to attack. Besides, he wants me to work on punch impacts also,” she said.

Currently off training and in her house before the national camp starts in Patiala from June 11, Jaismine said she will start planning for her big debut at the Olympics once she is back in training. “My parents are happy that I won the quota. There was no big celebration but yes Maa made churma for me. I am doing light training but once we are back in the camp my coaches will decide a programme and we will also analyse how to fight against a few of the contenders,” she said.



India's Jasprit Bumrah is congratulated by teammates after taking a wicket. AP/PTI

Rohit's injury a worry in India's cakewalk victory

NEWYORK, JUNE 5
Skipper Rohit Sharma's freak upper arm injury came as a dampener but India's four-pronged pace

arm left Rohit in considerable pain. On a drop-in track that offered variable bounce and extra seam movement, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj didn't even need to bring in their 'A' game.

Arshdeep Singh and a rejuvenated Hardik Pandya were good enough to dismantle the Irish for 96 in just 16 overs.

Arshdeep (2/35 in 4 overs), Pandya (3/27 in 4 overs), Siraj (1/13 in 3 overs) and Bumrah (2/6 in 3 overs) didn't give any breathing space to Irish batters who were made to look like novices in front of swing, seam and extra bounce produced during the 14 out of 16 overs that they bowled.

Such was their plight as none of the Irish batters save Gareth Delany (26 n.o., 14

balls) could even cross the 20-run mark. Delany's innings took them close to the 100-run mark.

Later, Rohit entertained the crowd with his customary pull-shots which found their appointed place in the semi-empty make-shift stands to complete the chase in 12.2 overs.

Virat Kohli (1) and Suryakumar Yadav (2) missed out on some batting practice while Rishabh Pant (36 not out) was generally good in his first outing as No. 3.

The partisan Indian spectators, many of whom having taken a mid-week leave went home happy.

Brief scores: Ireland: 96 all out in 16 overs (Hardik 3/27, Arshdeep 2/35, Bumrah 2/6); **India:** 97/2 in 12.2 overs (Rohit 52 retired hurt, Pant 36*). — PTI

Major upsets rock Roland Garros

PARIS, JUNE 5

Italian surprise package Jasmine Paolini staved off a fightback from fourth seed Elena Rybakina to seal a stunning 6-2 4-6 6-4 win on Wednesday and advance to the French Open semifinals for the first time.

“It's an unbeatable feeling. It was a tough match,” said Paolini, who became the fourth Italian woman after Francesca Schiavone, Sara Errani and Martina Trevisan to make the Roland Garros semifinals in the Open era.

Second seed Aryna Sabalenka was sent crash-



Jasmine Paolini celebrates beating Elena Rybakina. REUTERS

ing out after a shock 6-7(5) 6-4 6-4 quarterfinal loss to Russian teenager Mirra Andreeva after being ham-

pered by illness throughout the contest.

Having won her last two meetings with Andreeva

comfortably, Belarusian Sabalenka wasted little time getting to work as the Australian Open champion cranked up her big shots to go ahead 3-1 before her serve came undone in the opening set. A suddenly out-of-sorts Sabalenka called the trainer out and had medication for illness.

Bopanna sails into semis
The second-seeded Indian-Australian duo of Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden sailed into the men's doubles semifinals with a 7-6(3) 5-7 6-1 victory over Belgium's Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen. — Agencies

A poll full of shock defeats, surprise wins

NEERAJ MOHAN
Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5
As many as 13 Union Ministers bit the dust and several political novices secured their maiden victories in the recently concluded General Election.

A detailed analysis of the results highlights numerous unexpected wins, with newcomers triumphing over seasoned politicians. Two contenders arrested on serious charges won from jail.

Uttar Pradesh's results were full of surprises as SP's Iqra Hasan, a political greenhorn and daughter of ex-MP Munawar Hasan, defeated BJP's sitting MP Pradeep Chaudhary in Kairana. An MSc (international politics and law), Iqra returned to Kairana from London to carry the political legacy of her family when her brother and Kairana MLA Nahid Hasan was jailed in January 2022 under Gangsters Act.

Pushpendra Saroj, 25, armed with degrees from Queen Mary



Newly elected MPs Rahul Gandhi and Kishori Lal Sharma with Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in New Delhi. PTI

STELLAR PERFORMANCE

- In Gujarat, Congress' **Geniben Thakor** prevented the BJP from retaining all 26 seats by defeating BJP's Rekha Chaudhary in Banaskantha
- In Assam, Congress' **Rakibul Hassan** trounced three-term MP Mohammad Badrudin Ajmal by 10.12 lakh votes
- Actor **Suresh Gopi** handed BJP its maiden victory in Kerala by winning Thrissur seat

University of London, won the Kaushambhi seat for the SP by defeating two-time BJP MP Vinod Sonkar by 1.03 lakh votes. Another young achiever, Priya Saroj, 25, a Supreme Court lawyer, won the Machhlishahr seat on SP ticket by

defeating Bholnath Saroj of BJP by 35,850 votes. In Kerala, actor Suresh Gopi made a remarkable debut for the BJP by winning the Thrissur seat. Among the surprise winners are several turncoats. Rajasthan's Hanuman Beni-

wal, Umeda Ram Beniwal and Rahul Kashwan are prime examples. As former NDA partner Hanuman, after being overlooked by the BJP, joined the INDIA bloc and defeated Congress' defector and BJP candidate Jyoti Mirdha in

Nagaur. While Kashwan, a two-time BJP MP, switched to the Congress after being dropped, and secured a win in Churu by over 72,000 votes. Even, Umeda Ram a close confidante of Hanuman, had switched to Congress and defeated independent Ravindra Bhati by a margin of 1.18 lakh votes, pushing BJP's sitting MP and Union Minister Kailash Choudhary at the third position.

Similarly, the high-profile loss of Smriti Irani, who famously defeated Rahul Gandhi in Amethi in 2019, was a major shock. Having his roots in Ludhiana of Punjab, Congress candidate Kishori Lal Sharma who contested his first election won Amethi by 1.67 lakh votes.

In Gujarat, Congress' Geniben Thakor prevented the BJP to retain all 26 seats, as she defeated BJP candidate Rekha Chaudhary in the Banaskantha Lok Sabha seat by a margin of 30,000 votes. Banaskantha

has long been a stronghold for the BJP. In the 2019 elections, BJP candidate Parbatbhai Patel won the seat with a significant margin of 368,000 votes over Congress's Parthi Bhatol.

The border state of Assam also witnessed a surprise as the deputy leader of the Congress legislature party in the state Rakibul Hassan trounced three-term MP and businessman Mohammad Badrudin Ajmal by an astounding 10.12 lakh votes, securing 60 per cent or 14.71 lakh votes in total.

This election also witnessed two candidates winning from jail. Amitpal Singh, 31, a Khalistan ideologue currently lodged in Assam's Dibrugarh jail under NSA charges, won from the Khadoor Sahib constituency in Punjab. Similarly, Engineer Sheikh Abdul Rashid lodged in Delhi's Tihar jail under UAPA, won the Baramullah seat in Kashmir with 2,04,142 votes, defeating former CM Omar Abdullah of the National Conference.

Have never faced any political pressure: CJI

LONDON, JUNE 5
Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud has said he has never faced a "sense of political pressure from the powers that be" in his 24 years as a judge.

Addressing the famous University of Oxford institution on Tuesday on the topic of the humanising role adjudicators can play in society, he said: "We live lives which are relatively isolated from the political arm of the government ... but obviously judges have to be conversant with the impact of their decisions on the polity at large. That's not political pressure but an understanding by the court of the likely impact of a decision."

Answering a question on the recently concluded General Election, he said the elections lie at the core of India's constitutional democracy, judges reflect a sense of continuity of constitutional values that protect the system.

"Elections lie at the core of constitutional democracy ... judges are not elected in India and for a reason; judges reflect a sense of continuity of conditions, a continuity of constitutional values," he said in response to a question.

"The judiciary has a vital role to play in a democracy, which is that we reflect a sense of tradition and we also reflect a



ISOLATED FROM GOVT

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sense of what the future of a good society should be," Chief Justice Chandrachud said.

He also highlighted the role of technology in injecting greater transparency into the judicial system. Acknowledging some of the "unfair" criticism aimed at judges on social media, the Chief Justice asserted that the overall impact of technology is to help the judiciary reach out to a wider section of society. —PTI

CBSE tells schools to review internal assessment

DELHI, JUNE 5
The CBSE has detected significant variation between theory and practical marks in certain subjects among 50 per cent students in over 500 schools and has advised them to review their internal assessment procedures, officials said on Wednesday. The schools have been advised to prioritize fairness and accuracy in assessing practical examinations and ensure the process is realistic and adds substantial value to students' academic journey.

Detects variation in theory, practical marks

"The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has detected, through advanced AI tools, a significant variation between theory and practical marks in certain subjects among 50 per cent or more students in about 500 CBSE-affiliated schools, based on past years' result statistics," CBSE secretary Himanshu Gupta said. "This variance highlights a need for meticulous assessment during practical examinations in schools," he said. —PTI

World leaders congratulate PM Modi on historic win



“Congratulations to PM Narendra Modi and the NDA on their victory... the friendship between our nations is only growing.”

Joe Biden, US PRESIDENT



“I extend my warmest congratulations to PM Modi on being re-elected for a third consecutive term. Badhaai Ho!”

Benjamin Netanyahu, ISRAEL PM



“Congratulations to @narendramodi...we will continue to work together to strengthen the friendship that unites Italy and India.”

Giorgia Meloni, ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER



“The UK and India share the closest of friendships, and together that friendship will continue to thrive.”

Rishi Sunak, BRITISH PRIME MINISTER



“Congratulations to PM @narendramodi...we are happy to note the successful completion of the world's largest democratic exercise.”

Pushpa Kamal Dahal, NEPAL PRIME MINISTER

Bombay, Delhi IITs in top 150

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5
The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay, and the IIT-Delhi feature among the top 150 universities in the world, while the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) retained the top rank globally for the 13th time, according to the QS World University Ranking-2025 announced on Wednesday.

While the IIT-Bombay has climbed from 149 last year to 118, the IIT-Delhi improved its rank by 47 points to bag the 150th position globally.

"It is my pleasure that the IIT-Bombay has risen by 31

THAPAR IN 851-900
Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala, is in the bracket of 851-900, OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat in 1001-1200 and Panjab University, Chandigarh, in 1001-1200

rating in the top 20 categories. According to the official website, "This year's ranking is the largest ever, featuring over 1,500 universities across 105 higher education systems. The United States is the most represented country or territory, with 197 ranked institutions, followed by the United Kingdom with 90 and mainland China with 71. The University of Delhi has made the biggest jump of 79 ranks — from 407 last year to 328 this time. In India, the university has improved its rank from ninth last year to seventh this time. —TNS



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TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited only from registered LSMs and Transporters who are registered under GST ACT (capable of raising Tax Invoice) for the following factory works/Jobs/Services for the year 2024-25 on date mentioned against each. The E-tenders shall be received and opened in the office of GM R&T Factory Bilaspur (HP) on the date and time mentioned below.

Sr. No.	Particulars	Approx. (Qty.)	Tender Form Fee (incl GST)	Earnest Money	Date of E-Tender
1.	Fabrication of PGI Sheet Drums & Tin Patra drums of 200 Kg Capacity	PGI = 13000 Nos. TPB = 7000 Nos.	1475/-	90000/-	1. For items appearing at Sr. No. 1 to 6
2.	Loading of Rosin filled drums (200 Kg)	20000 Drums	708/-	20000/-	
3.	Unloading of resin filled tins and stacking in Resin Shed.	250000 Tins	708/-	20000/-	
4.	Rolling of Rosin filled drums from production to dispatch section, grade wise stacking and allied works of Rosin drums in dispatch section.	20000 Drums	708/-	25000/-	• Date and Time of opening of Tender 13.06.2024 at 2.00 PM • Last date and time for submission of E-tender 13.06.2024 up to 1.00 PM
5.	Weighment, Topping & Stenciling of Rosin Drums up to fitting of lid complete and handing over to dispatch section and allied works of Rosin filled drums.	20000 Drums	708/-	30000/-	
6.	Feeding of Resin (i.e. issued from resin yard/store and sakki section following sakki analysis) in resin pits including washing dirty and throwing of empty tins at designated place in the factory premises and other allied works as per term and conditions of the E-48-tender	1600 tin / 4 Rest VATs per day	1475/-	150000/-	
7.	Carriage of Furnace Oil from Panipat & Mathura to R&T Factory Bilaspur (HP)	700 Kilo Ltrs.	1475/-	50000/-	• Date and Time of opening of Tender 14.06.2024 at 2.00 PM • Last date and time for submission of E-tenders 14.06.2024 up to 1.00 PM
8.	Providing Bus service for bringing and leaving Factory Workers and staff from factory to Kothipura and Bilaspur as per Schedule of running and requirement of Factory.	As per Running Schedule	1475/-	20000/-	

Telegraphic/Postal and conditional tenders will not be accepted. If needed, the negotiations will be held only with the lowest tenderer (L-1). For E-tender/s please log on to www.hptenders.gov.in

Sd/-
General Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE
GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING e-TENDERS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC FOR ALLOTMENT OF REMAINING RETAIL LIQUOR ZONES IN TWENTY-TWO (22) DISTRICTS IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR THE EXCISE POLICY YEAR 2024-25.

1. It is notified for the information of general public that e-tenders for allotment of 380 retail liquor zones of country liquor and Indian Made Foreign Liquor vends (L-2L-14A) in 22 districts in the State of Haryana are hereby invited for the excise policy year 2024-25. The district wise detail of zones available for e-bidding is as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of District	Zone Code
1. Ambala		ZAMB01 ZAMB04 ZAMB07 ZAMB08 ZAMB09 ZAMB10
		ZAMB11 ZAMB15 ZAMB21 ZAMB22 ZAMB27 ZAMB29
		ZAMB33 ZAMB34 ZAMB36 ZAMB37 ZAMB38 ZAMB39
		ZAMB43 ZAMB44 ZAMB46 ZAMB48 ZAMB49 ZAMB50
		ZAMB56 ZAMB58 ZAMB59 ZAMB60
		ZBWN01 ZBWN02 ZBWN04 ZBWN05 ZBWN06 ZBWN07
		ZBWN08 ZBWN09 ZBWN10 ZBWN12 ZBWN13 ZBWN16
		ZBWN17 ZBWN18 ZBWN20 ZBWN22 ZBWN23 ZBWN24
		ZBWN25 ZBWN26 ZBWN29 ZBWN33 ZBWN34 ZBWN35
		ZBWN36 ZBWN37 ZBWN38 ZBWN39 ZBWN40 ZBWN41
2. Bhiwani		ZBWN42 ZBWN43 ZBWN44 ZBWN45 ZBWN46 ZBWN47
		ZBWN48 ZBWN49 ZBWN50 ZBWN51 ZBWN52 ZBWN53
		ZBWN54 ZBWN55 ZBWN56 ZBWN57 ZBWN61 ZBWN63
		ZBWN64 ZBWN65
		ZFBD02 ZFBD03 ZFBD08 ZFBD13 ZFBD16 ZFBD21
		ZFBD22 ZFBD23 ZFBD26 ZFBD27 ZFBD29 ZFBD43
		ZFBD53 ZFBD56 ZFBD57 ZFBD73 ZFBD102 ZFBD112
		ZFTB02 ZFTB03 ZFTB05 ZFTB06 ZFTB07 ZFTB09
		ZFTB12 ZFTB13 ZFTB14 ZFTB15 ZFTB16 ZFTB17
		ZFTB18 ZFTB19 ZFTB20 ZFTB21 ZFTB22 ZFTB24
3. Faridabad		ZFTB25 ZFTB26 ZFTB27 ZFTB28 ZFTB29 ZFTB30
		ZFTB31 ZFTB32 ZFTB35 ZFTB36 ZFTB37 ZFTB38
		ZFTB40 ZFTB41 ZFTB42 ZFTB43 ZFTB44 ZFTB45
		ZGRE01 ZGRE08 ZGRE24 ZGRE25 ZGRE26 ZGRE29
		ZGRE31 ZGRE43 ZGRE46 ZGRE48 ZGRE52 ZGRE55
		ZGRE68 ZGRE77 ZGRE78
		ZGRW08 ZGRW77
		ZHSR01 ZHSR02 ZHSR05 ZHSR07 ZHSR08 ZHSR12
		ZHSR18 ZHSR20 ZHSR21 ZHSR29 ZHSR34 ZHSR37
		ZHSR38 ZHSR41 ZHSR44 ZHSR47 ZHSR48 ZHSR49
4. Fatehabad		ZHSR50 ZHSR51 ZHSR52 ZHSR53 ZHSR58 ZHSR64
		ZHSR71 ZHSR74
		ZJAG03 ZJAG06 ZJAG37 ZJAG41 ZJAG42 ZJAG43
		ZJAG44 ZJAG46 ZJAG54
		ZJHA04 ZJHA10 ZJHA15 ZJHA19 ZJHA22 ZJHA24
		ZJHA29
		ZJND02 ZJND03 ZJND05 ZJND06 ZJND08 ZJND09
		ZJND10 ZJND13 ZJND15 ZJND16 ZJND17 ZJND20
		ZJND21 ZJND22 ZJND26 ZJND27 ZJND28 ZJND29
		ZJND31 ZJND33 ZJND34 ZJND39 ZJND44
5. Gurugram (East)		ZKTL02 ZKTL06 ZKTL09 ZKTL11 ZKTL23 ZKTL27
		ZKTL29
		ZKNL03 ZKNL10 ZKNL15 ZKNL16 ZKNL18 ZKNL19
		ZKNL21 ZKNL22 ZKNL24 ZKNL25 ZKNL26 ZKNL31
		ZKNL34 ZKNL35 ZKNL37 ZKNL38 ZKNL41 ZKNL50
		ZKNL51 ZKNL52
		ZKKR01 ZKKR06 ZKKR17 ZKKR19 ZKKR21 ZKKR28
6. Gurugram (West)		
7. Hisar		
8. Jagadhari		
9. Jhajjar		
10. Jind		
11. Kaithal		
12. Karnal		
13. Kurukshetra		

2. The schedule for submission of e-bids for these zones and evaluation thereof shall be as under:-

Starting date and time for placing e-tenders	From 7th June, 2024 (9.00 AM)
Closing date and time for placing e-tenders	Till 7th June, 2024 (04.00 PM)
Evaluation of e-tenders	7th June, 2024 (5.00 PM)

3. The e-tenders for these zones can be submitted online through the official website of the department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The remaining terms and conditions of e-tenders and allotment of zones shall be same, as informed vide the Public Notice, published in leading newspapers on 18th May, 2024, for inviting e-tenders for allotment of retail liquor zones of all districts in the State of Haryana. The copy of Public Notice dated 18th May, 2024 is also available on the official website of department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The detailed procedure of registration for participation in the allotment process and submission of e-tenders is also available on the official website.

4. The excise arrangements of these zones containing number of vends, liquor quota, location of vends, command area as applicable and reserve price thereof, as well as the venue for evaluation of e-tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETCs (Excise) and DETCs (ST) of the districts concerned. These details shall also be available on the official website i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in.

5. All allotment(s) and grant of licence(s) shall be subject to the provisions of the Haryana Excise Act, 1914, the rules framed thereunder, orders/instructions issued by the competent authority and the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25. Any clarification regarding the procedure may be obtained from the office of DETCs (Excise) in any of the districts. The copy of Haryana Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 is available on official website of the department.

6. All allotments of licenses are subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner (Financial Commissioner). The ETC (FC) may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be, within 10 days of the date of allotment. In case no decision of Excise and Taxation Commissioner (FC) is conveyed within the stipulated period of ten days, the allotment shall be deemed to have been approved by the ETC (FC).

Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana.

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