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## Mandate against Modi... will fight together: INDIA pledge

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**NEW DELHI:** The Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) will take “appropriate measures at the appropriate time” to realise the people’s desire not to be “ruled by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government”, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge declared on Wednesday, a day after the Opposition bloc posted unexpectedly strong results in the general elections to restrict the incumbent well below a simple majority.

Kharge’s remarks came after a meeting of 33 leaders of the INDIA bloc at his residence in Delhi, a day after it won 233 seats and limited the BJP to 240, well below the majority mark of 272. To be sure, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) was comfortably placed to form the government with 293 seats, and Narendra Modi appeared set to take oath later this week.

“The people’s mandate has been a befitting reply to the BJP and their politics of hate, corruption and deprivation. This is a political and moral defeat of PM Narendra Modi,” Kharge said.

“This is a mandate in defence of the Constitution of India and against price rise, unemployment and crony capitalism of the Modi government. The INDIA bloc will continue to fight

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Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge addresses the media in the presence of senior members of the Opposition INDIA bloc, after a meeting of the alliance in Delhi on Wednesday. SANJEEV VERMA/HT PHOTO

### 20/24 INDIA bloc parties won at least one LS seat

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**NEW DELHI:** Who was the most successful in the INDIA alliance? Out of the 24 parties in the alliance, 20 were able to secure at least one seat in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The Congress won the largest number at 99. The Samajwadi Party (SP), the All India Trinamool Congress (TMC), and the Dravida Munnetra Kaz-

hagam (DMK) were the next biggest contributors to the alliance, winning 37, 29, and 22 parliamentary constituencies (PCs) respectively. The other 16 successful parties in the alliance secured seats in single digits. The total tally of these 16 parties was 47.

Among member parties that contested at least 10 PCs, the DMK had the highest success rate: 100%. It won all 22 PCs it contested.

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### WAS UP FOR GOOD FIGHT, MARGIN A SURPRISE: KISHORI

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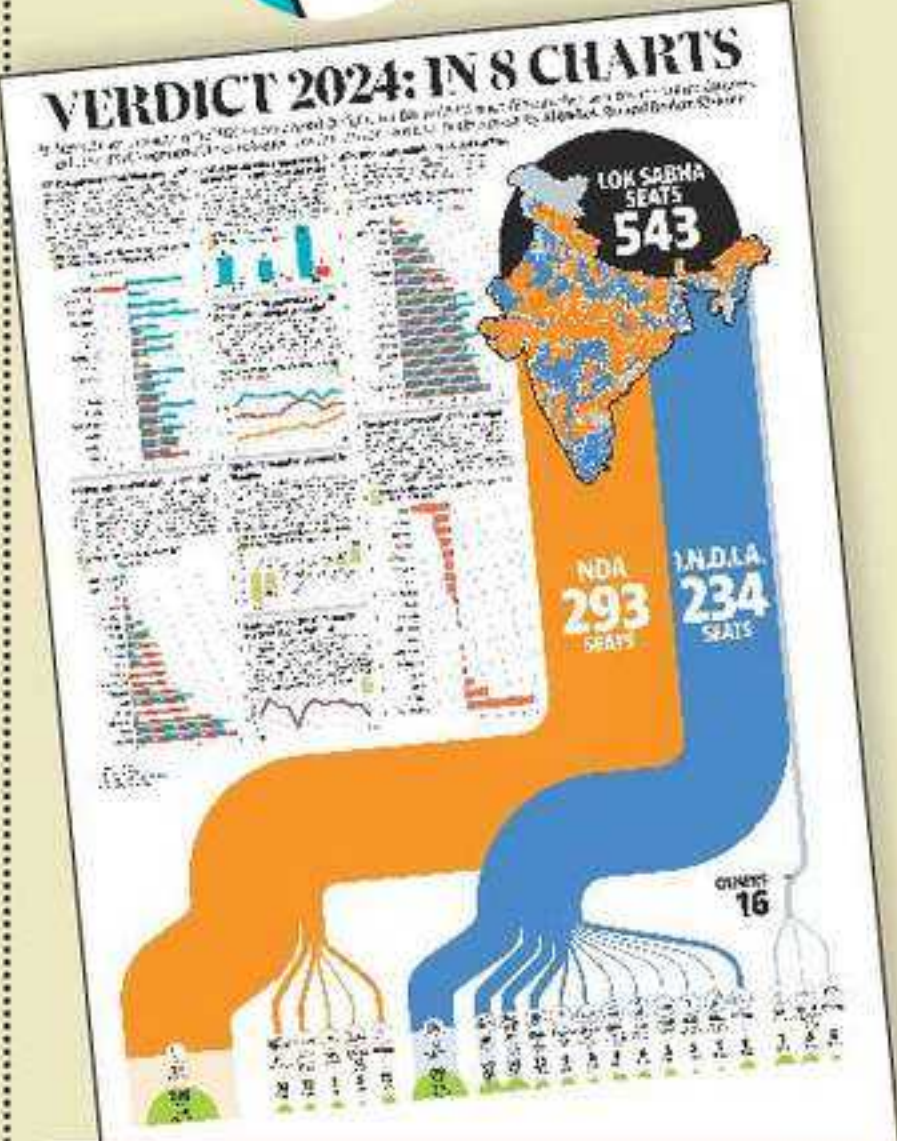
**NEW DELHI:** Congress leader Kishori Lal Sharma (60), who defeated BJP leader and two-time MP Smriti Irani by a margin of 167,196 votes from the Amethi Lok Sabha constituency in Uttar Pradesh told HT that he was always confident of a victory in the Gandhis’ pocket borough and that the party’s workers were up for a fight.

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### With 3rd term, Modi set to make history

Narendra Modi appears set to be sworn in as India’s Prime Minister for the third consecutive term on Saturday, a feat that has been achieved by only Jawaharlal Nehru before him in 1962. This is despite the BJP not securing a majority on its own, but getting enough numbers with alliance partners. Even internationally, few leaders and governments have served beyond a decade, party leaders said, attributing the BJP-led NDA’s mandate to Modi’s governance model and one that seeks the continuity of a decisive government focussed on social welfare, economic reforms, and ensuring India a seat at the global high table.

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A look at the larger message in the 2024 results, beyond the change in tallies. >P2

### Summarising the 2024 verdict

The 2024 results are drastically different from what the exit polls predicted they would be. To be sure, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) still has a majority in the Lok Sabha. But looking at the larger story of these elections presents some takeaways. First, the BJP’s performance dropped from 2019, but its allies picked up. Second, the Congress fared better, but not in direct contests with the BJP. The two styles of Mandal politics presented in different stories in these elections. Finally, the BJP appeared to have peaked in West Bengal, but enjoyed relative in Maharashtra.

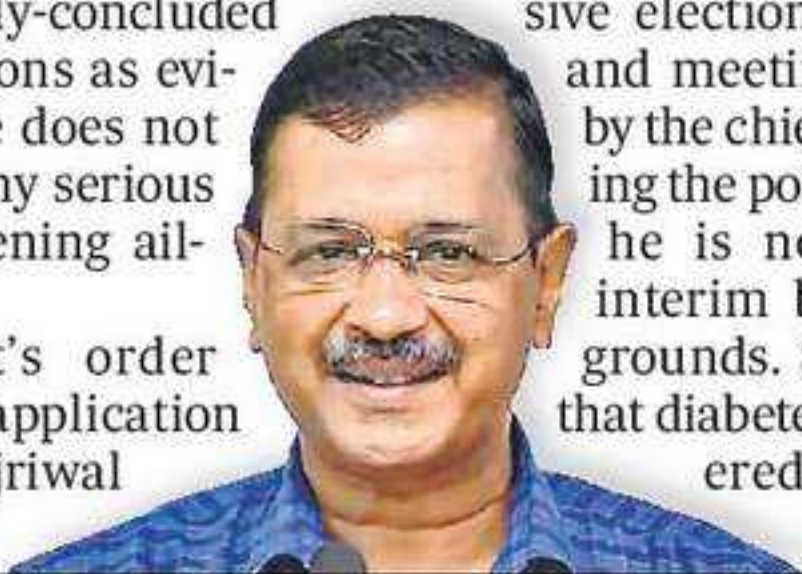
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## Kejriwal denied interim bail, to stay in custody till June 19

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**NEW DELHI:** A special court on Wednesday denied interim bail to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, arrested in connection with a probe into alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise policy 2021-22, citing his campaigning for the recently-concluded general elections as evidence that he does not suffer from any serious or life-threatening ailments.

The court’s order came on an application moved by Kejriwal



last week, in which he sought interim bail for seven days, citing severe health issues, including an aggressive form of diabetes and kidney complications that he said had worsened during his period of judicial custody from April 1 to May 10.

However, special judge Kaveri Baweja observed that the extensive election campaigning and meetings conducted by the chief minister during the polls indicate that he is not entitled to interim bail on health grounds. She also noted that diabetes is not considered a serious ail-

ment that warrants interim bail.

“Diabetes or even type-2 diabetes cannot be said to be so serious an ailment so as to entitle him to the relief claimed. Further, the extensive campaigning tours and related meetings/events undertaken by Arvind Kejriwal, as highlighted during the course of arguments, also indicate that he does not appear to be suffering from any serious or life-threatening ailment so as to entitle him to the beneficial provision as contained in the proviso to Section 45 PMLA [Prevention of Money Laundering Act],” the judge stated in her order.

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### PUNE PORSCHE CASE: JUVENILE TO REMAIN IN CUSTODY FOR ANOTHER WEEK

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**PUNE:** A special court in Pune with the additional charge of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), on Wednesday extended till June 12 the observation home remand of the teenager allegedly involved in the Porsche crash case in which two young software engineers were killed.

His stay in the observation home was to end on June 5. The prosecution sought his remand for 15 more days. The police sought his custody in the juvenile observation home and had also appealed that he be tried as an adult.

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### FIRE BREAKS OUT AT TWO HOSPITALS IN LAJPAT NAGAR, PATIENTS SAFE

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**NEW DELHI:** A fire broke out at a two-storey building housing a children’s eye hospital on Ring Road in Lajpat Nagar, south Delhi, early on Wednesday morning. There were no patients inside the hospital when the fire broke out, and the few staffers present escaped in time, so no one was injured, said police. The incident resulted in traffic snarls on the Ring Road and in Lajpat Nagar for at least half an hour.

The fire began on the ground floor, and spread to the entire building and then to an adjacent building that housed another eye hospital.

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## 9 trekkers die in Uttarakhand, 13 rescued by Air Force teams

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**DEHRADUN:** Nine members of a 22-member trekking team died after they lost their way due to bad weather during the Sahastra Tal trek in the upper Himalayas in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand, officials said on Wednesday, adding the remaining 13 trekkers have been rescued.

A joint air-ground operation was launched by the Indian Air Force, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and local authorities, officials said. Of the 13 trekkers rescued from the trek on Uttarkashi-Tehri border, eight were airlifted to Dehradun on Wednesday.



The rescue was carried out by two Cheetah helicopters from the higher ground to the base camp, the IAF said. INDIAN AIR FORCE ON X

“Nine people have been killed, while 13 have been successfully rescued. We have brought 5 bodies down, remaining 4 will be retrieved tomorrow as we had to

suspend the rescue operation due to bad weather today,” said a senior SDRF official, who did not wish to be named.

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Why was Modi's victory margin in Varanasi lower?

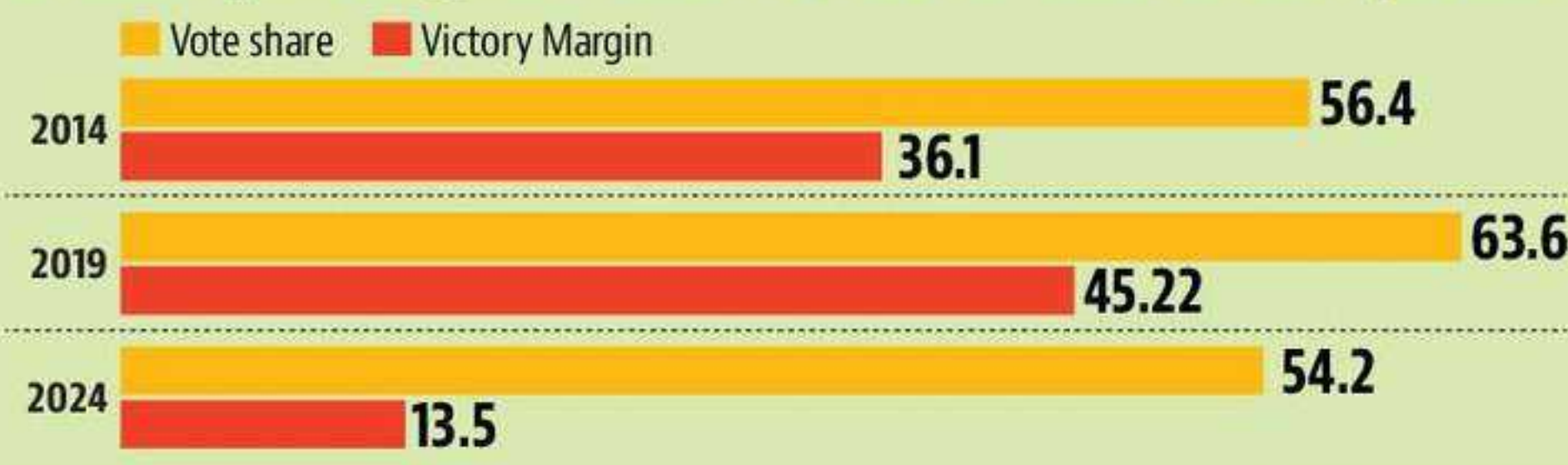
By Roshan Kishore

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's victory margin in the Varanasi parliamentary constituency (PC), Uttar Pradesh, in these elections is 152,513 votes. Not only is this a sharp fall from the 2019 victory margin of 479,505 votes, it is also lower than his 2014 margin of 371,784 votes. What really happened in the 2024 elections in Varanasi? Here are four charts that answer this question.

1 Modi's victory margin has fallen much more than his vote share

This is the most important fact to keep in mind while reading the 2024 results. Modi's vote share in 2024 elections is 54.2%. While this is lower than his 2019 and 2014 vote share of 63.6% and 56.4%, the fall is much smaller than what the fall in victory margins tells us. Modi's victory margin, as a proportion of votes polled in Varanasi was 36.1% and 45.2% in 2014 and 2019. This number has fallen to just 13.5% in 2024.

Narendra Modi vote share percentage and victory margin in 2014, 2019 and 2024 polls



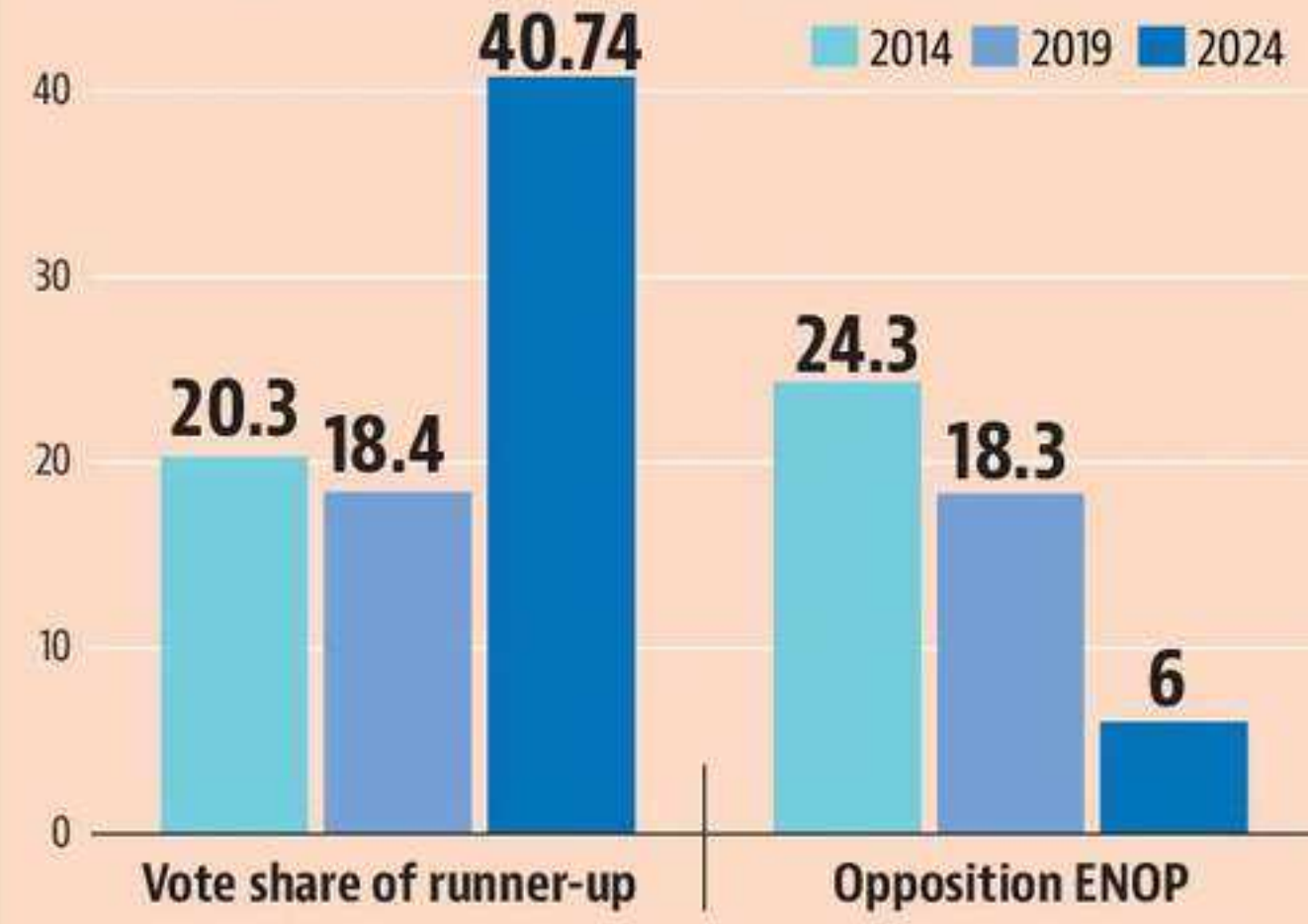
Note: Victory Margin in percentage points

Source: TCPD-IED and ECI

2 Biggest reason behind fall in Modi's victory margin is a consolidation of opposition votes

The data shows this clearly. Candidates who finished second against Modi have varied in every election since 2014. In 2014, it was Arvind Kejriwal from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), in 2019 it was Shalini Yadav from Samajwadi Party (SP) and in 2024 it is Ajay Rai from the Congress. AAP fought the 2014 elections on its own in Varanasi, SP was in an alliance with Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) in 2019 and the Congress and SP had an alliance in 2024. However, data clearly shows that the index of opposition unity against Modi was significantly larger in 2024 than it had been in 2014 and 2019. The number of candidates (including NOTA) who contested against Modi in Varanasi was 42 in 2014, 26 in 2019 and just seven in 2024. In terms of vote share, the candidate who finished second in Varanasi had a vote share of 20.3% in 2014 and 18.4% in 2019 elections. This number has increased to 40.7% in 2024. If one were to calculate the effective number of opposition candidates – reciprocal of sum of squares of vote share of all candidates against Modi in Varanasi – this number has fallen from 24.3 in 2014 and 18.3 in 2019 to just 6 in 2024. ENOP is a good measure of fragmentation of political contest in a constituency and a higher value indicates greater political fragmentation. If one looks at the overall ENOP including the winner Narendra Modi, this number was 2.7 in 2014, 2.22 in 2019 and 2.17 in 2024.

Vote share percentage of candidate who finished 2nd in Varanasi and ENOP of opposition in 2014, 2019 and 2024



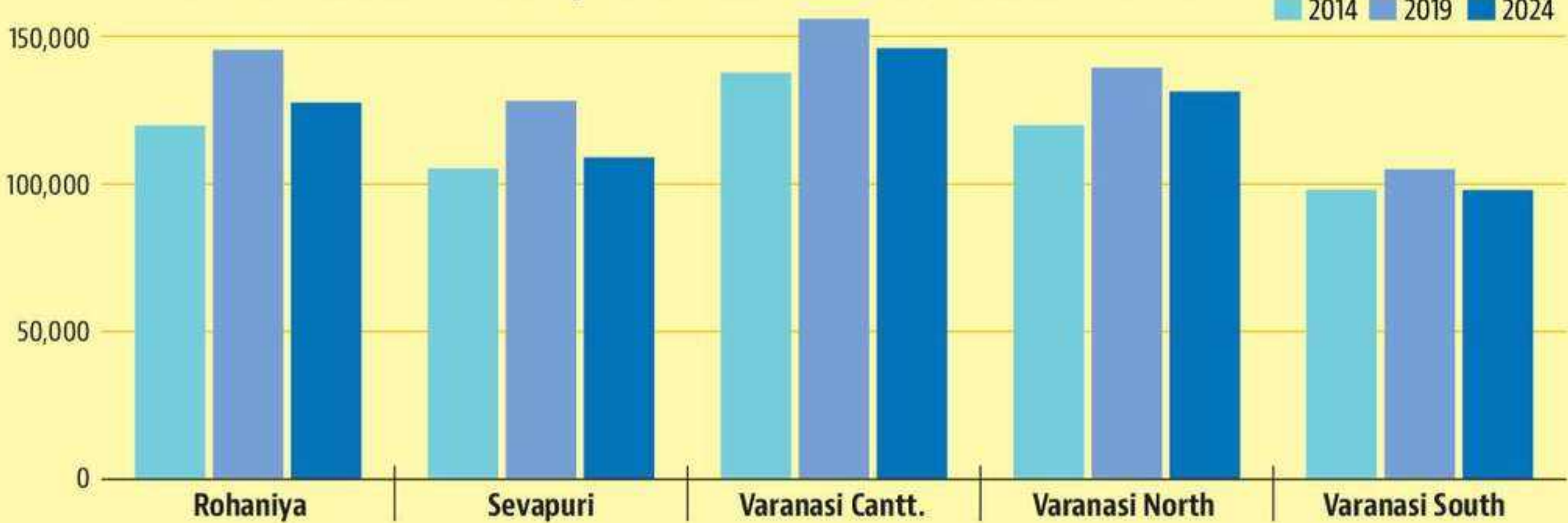
Source: ECI and TCPD-IED

3 Having said this, Modi also lost votes in every AC in Varanasi compared to 2019

HT has taken the number of votes polled by Modi in each of the five assembly segments in Varanasi PC from the Returning Officer's office. A comparison of these votes with the AC-wise break up of Modi's votes in 2019 shows that there is an absolute fall in number of votes Modi received in every AC. When compared to 2014, Modi's votes have increased in every AC except a loss of 180 votes in Varanasi South AC. To be sure, a more accurate comparison of Modi's performance would have been to look at AC-wise vote share in 2019 and 2024. This is because absolute number of votes

polled by a candidate can increase or decrease depending on change in strength of the electorate and turnout. However, HT could not get the number of overall votes polled in each AC for 2024. To be sure, Modi's overall vote share in Varanasi PC has fallen by 9.4 percentage points between the 2019 and 2024 elections. This suggests that his popularity, as of now, clearly peaked in 2019, a trend which is pretty much in sync with the BJP's overall political fortunes in the country. All five ACs in the Varanasi PC were won by the BJP or its allies in the 2017 and 2022 assembly elections.

Absolute number of votes polled by Narendra Modi in each AC of Varanasi in 2014, 2019 and 2024 elections



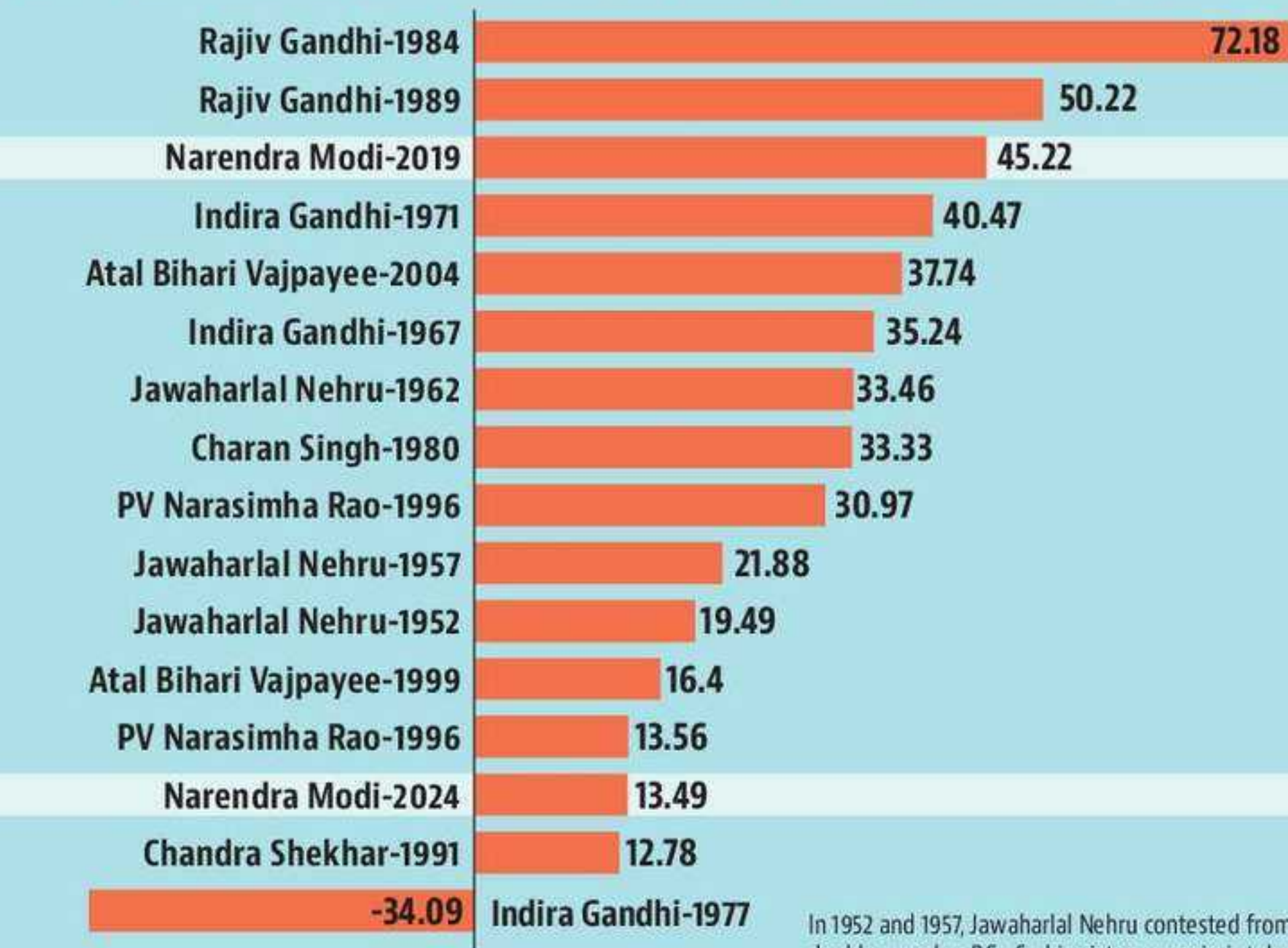
Source: TCPD-IED, ECI

4 And his 2024 margin is among the lowest ever for a sitting Prime Minister in India

HT has looked at the victory margin of every Prime Minister who contested a Lok Sabha election while holding office in India. There have been 17 such Lok Sabha contests since 1951. Modi's victory margin of 2024, in terms of share of votes polled, is the lowest for any sitting prime minister contesting in a Lok Sabha election if one were to exclude Indira's Gandhi's loss in the 1977 elections held after the emergency and Chandra Shekhar's 1991 victory margin. To be sure, Chandra Shekhar was a caretaker PM when the 1991 elections were held.

Rajiv Gandhi's 1984 victory margin of 72.2% is the highest ever victory margin for a sitting prime minister contesting a Lok Sabha election. Prime Ministers such as Manmohan Singh, IK Gujral etc. do not feature in the list because they did not contest Lok Sabha elections while holding the Prime Minister's office.

Victory margin of prime ministers who have contested Lok Sabha elections (in percentage points)



Source: TCPD-IED, ECI Statistical Reports

In 1952 and 1957, Jawaharlal Nehru contested from double-member PCs. So his victory margin is taken as the vote share difference from third candidate







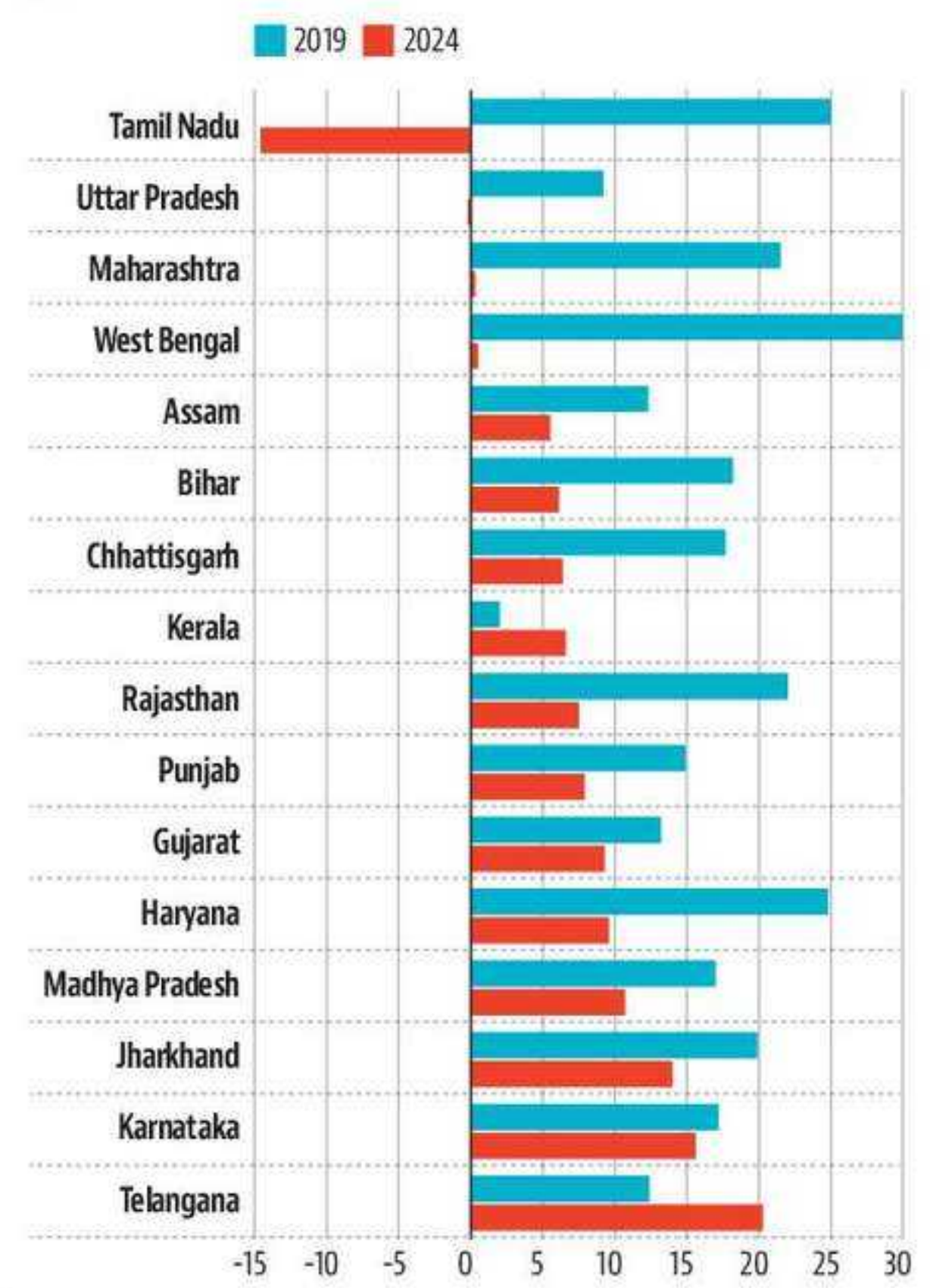
# VERDICT 2024: IN 8 CHARTS

Is there a larger message in the 2024 results beyond the fall in the BJP and NDA seat tallies and the rise in numbers of the Congress and other INDIA partners? Here are 8 questions that put the overall verdict in context. **By Abhishek Jha and Roshan Kishore**

## What happened to the Modi premium?

That the BJP enjoys a vote share premium when Narendra Modi's prime ministership is on the ticket was an established fact in the 2014 and 2019 elections. For years, it was a given that the BJP's vote share in most states would be much higher in the Lok Sabha elections than in assembly elections. Did this premium hold in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections? An HT analysis of the results shows that the premium, while it exists, has dipped sharply. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the median difference in BJP's contested vote share across states (where state polls are not simultaneous) was 17.5 percentage point higher than the previous assembly elections. This number has dropped to just seven percentage points in 2024.

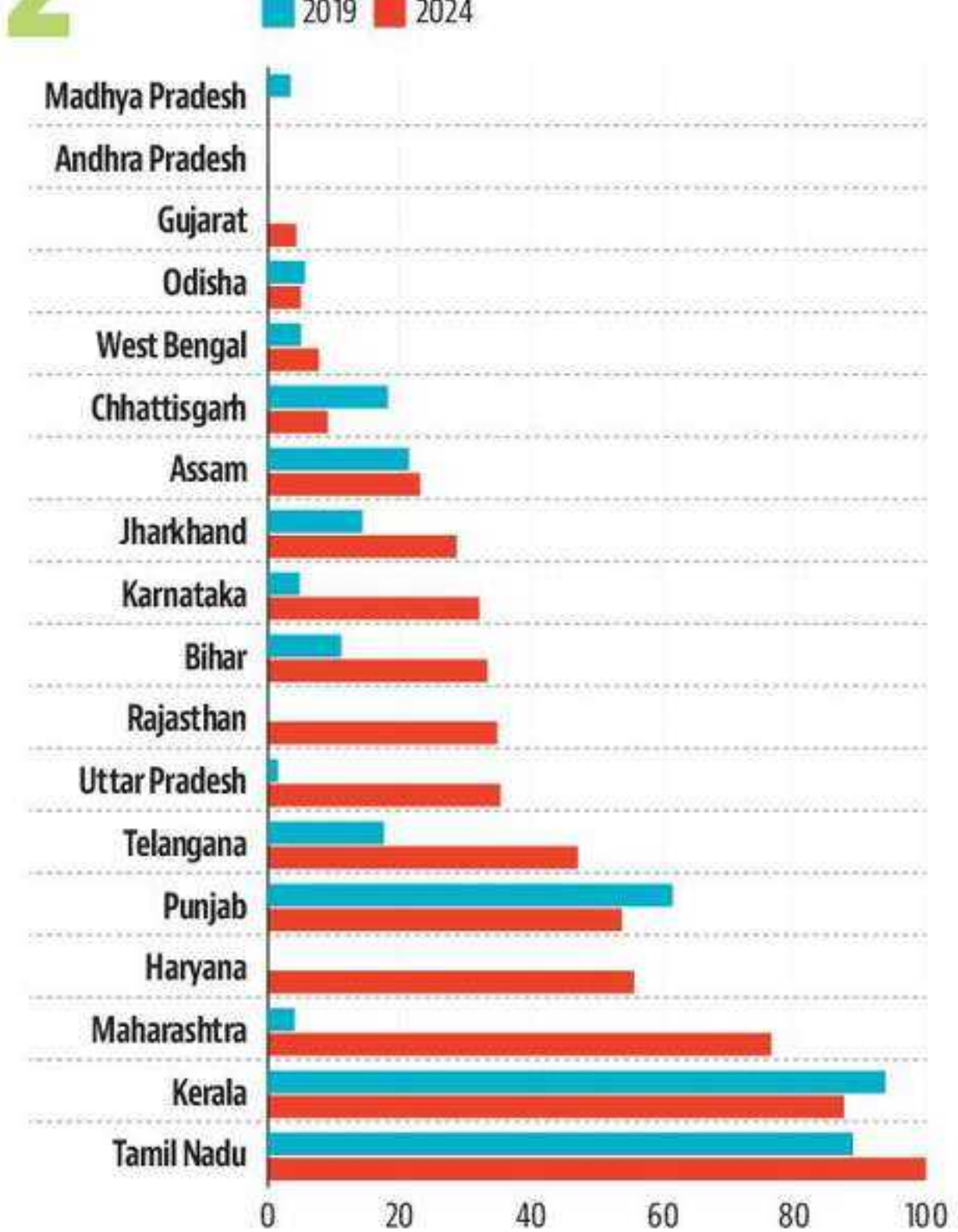
### 1 BJP's contested vote share change from preceding state election (percentage points)



## Is Congress's revival national or local?

A simple comparison of the Congress' strike rates - winning seats in the most important thing in elections - can answer this question. In 2019, the Congress's strike rate was more than 50% in just three big states: Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Punjab. This has increased to five - Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Haryana and Punjab - in 2024. The Congress has a strike rate of more than 33% in nine big states in 2024, which is a massive increase from just three in 2019. However, the Congress's strike rate is still less than 10% in six big states in 2024. This suggests that Congress has recovered ground in some states but challenges remain in others.

### 2 Congress strike rate in big states (%)



Source: ECI, TCPD-IED  
Note: Excludes states with simultaneous state polls and those with less than 10 Lok Sabha seats

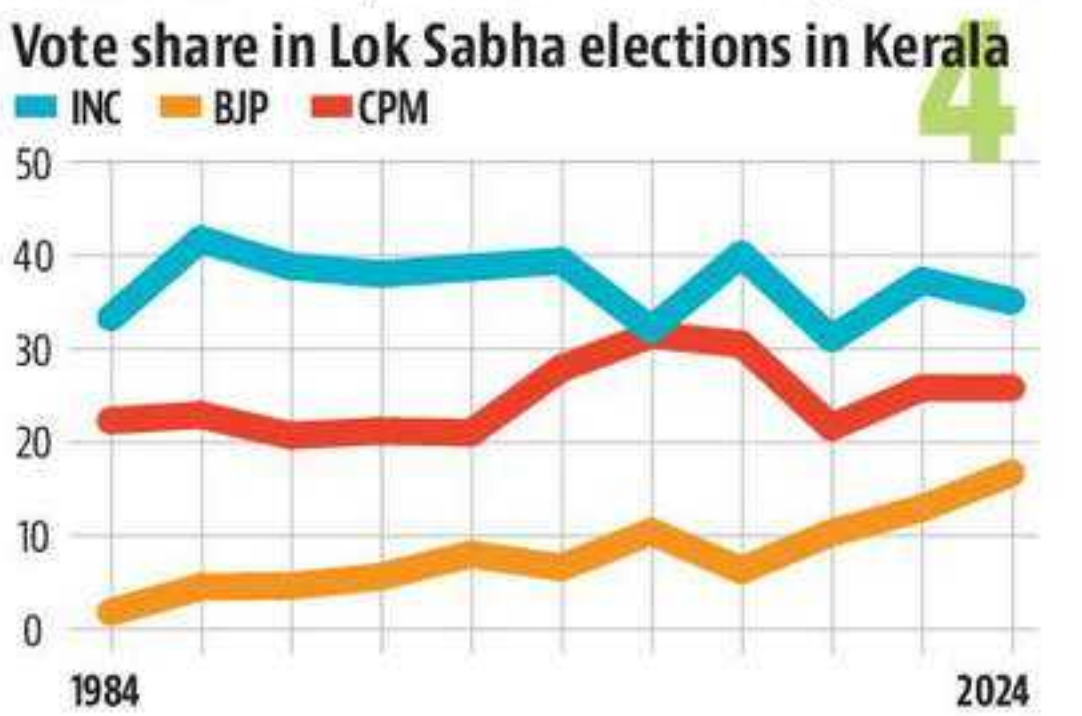
## Is this the end of parties who supported BJP only in parliament?

At least three regional parties, the YSRCP in Andhra Pradesh, the BRS in Telangana and the BJD in Odisha used to support the BJP's legislative agenda in Parliament but were confident of retaining their states. The collective tally of these parties has fallen from 43 to just four between 2019 and 2024. The YSRCP and BJD have also lost their state governments to the BJP or the NDA, underlining the pitfall of being ideologically malleable vis-à-vis the BJP.



## Can the CPI (M) prevent a replication of West Bengal in Kerala?

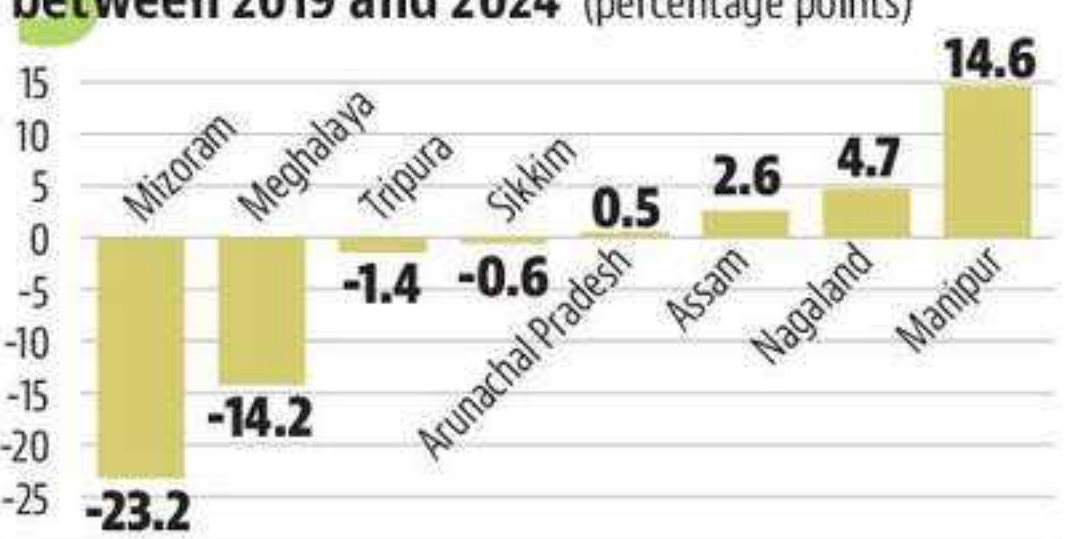
One of the biggest successes of the BJP this time is winning a seat in Kerala for the first time in its history. The BJP's win was against the CPI (M) in Thrissur. While it also finished a close second in Thiruvananthapuram, a comparison of vote share gap between the BJP, Congress and the CPI (M) shows that the BJP is closing in on the CPI (M). While the CPI (M) is still ahead, it needs to remember that it lost political salience in West Bengal to the BJP.



## Has the silent majority voted in Manipur?

Manipur voted in the shadow of a massive ethnic conflict with the BJP-led state government doing very little to play peacemaker. The 2024 results show that the people have given a big vote of no-confidence against the government's apparent complicity by voting for the Congress in both parliamentary constituencies of the state. Manipur is the only state in the north-east where the Congress has improved its vote share by more than 10 percentage points, although it also regained a seat in Nagaland.

### 3 Change in Congress-alliance's vote share between 2019 and 2024 (percentage points)



## Do cultural anxieties of minorities matter beyond Muslims?

This is the biggest message from Punjab. The state has elected two independent MPs this time who are sympathisers of secessionist views. While Amritpal Singh is currently jailed, Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa is the son of one of the killers of former PM Indira Gandhi. The growing sympathy for radical secessionist views in Punjab politics need to be read with what seems to be the atrophying and discrediting of the SAD, which was the centre of gravity of the Panthic or Sikh religious vote in the state. This is a trend that needs attention beyond sectarian divides.

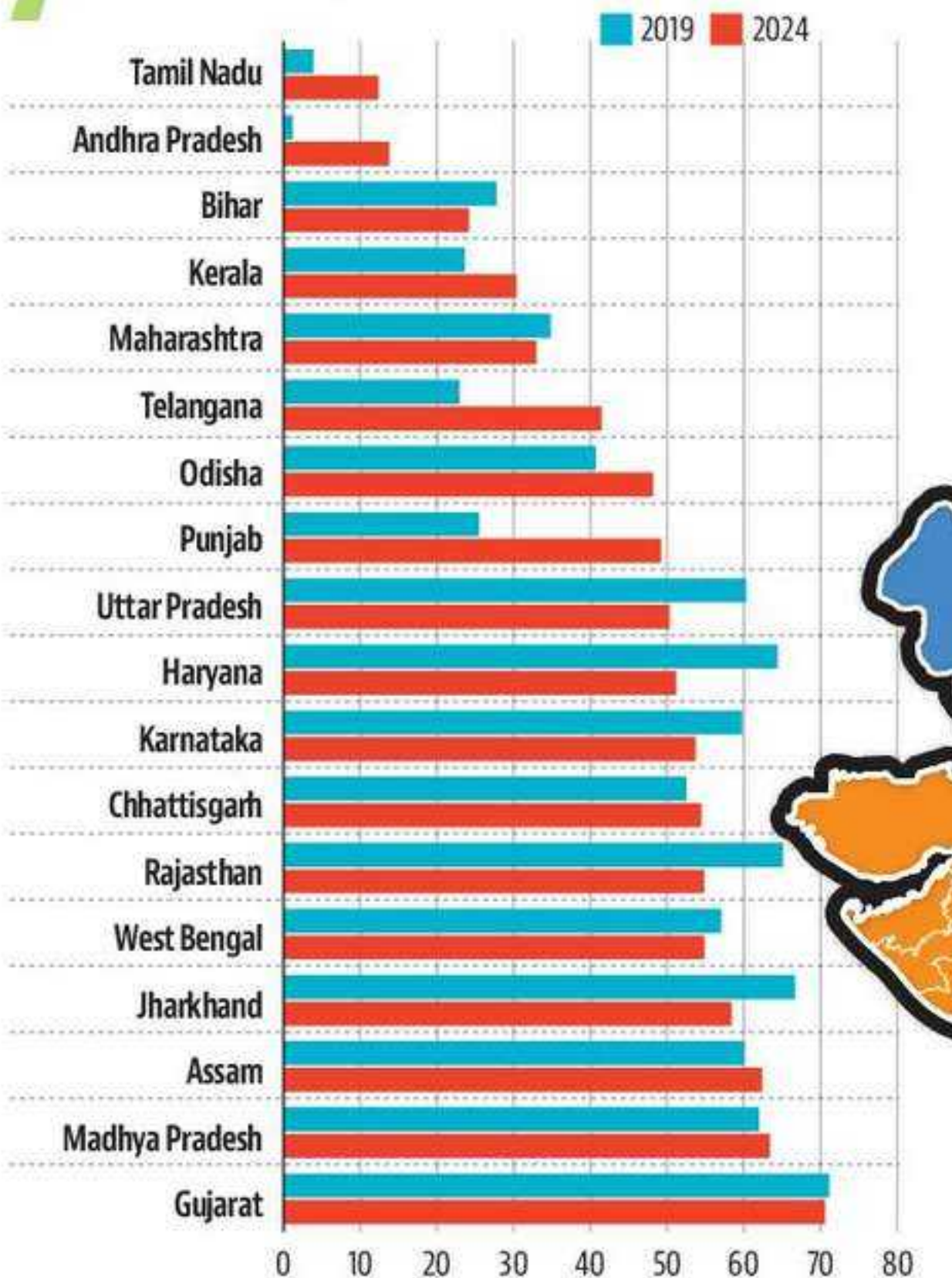
### 4 SAD's contested vote share in Punjab



## BJP's Hindu consolidation fell, but is it still big?

If one were to assume that no other community apart from the Hindus votes for the BJP in a significant manner, then a good way to look at the extent of Hindu consolidation behind the BJP is to look at its vote share among Hindus. This number is still very large in many states in 2024 despite falling in comparison to 2019.

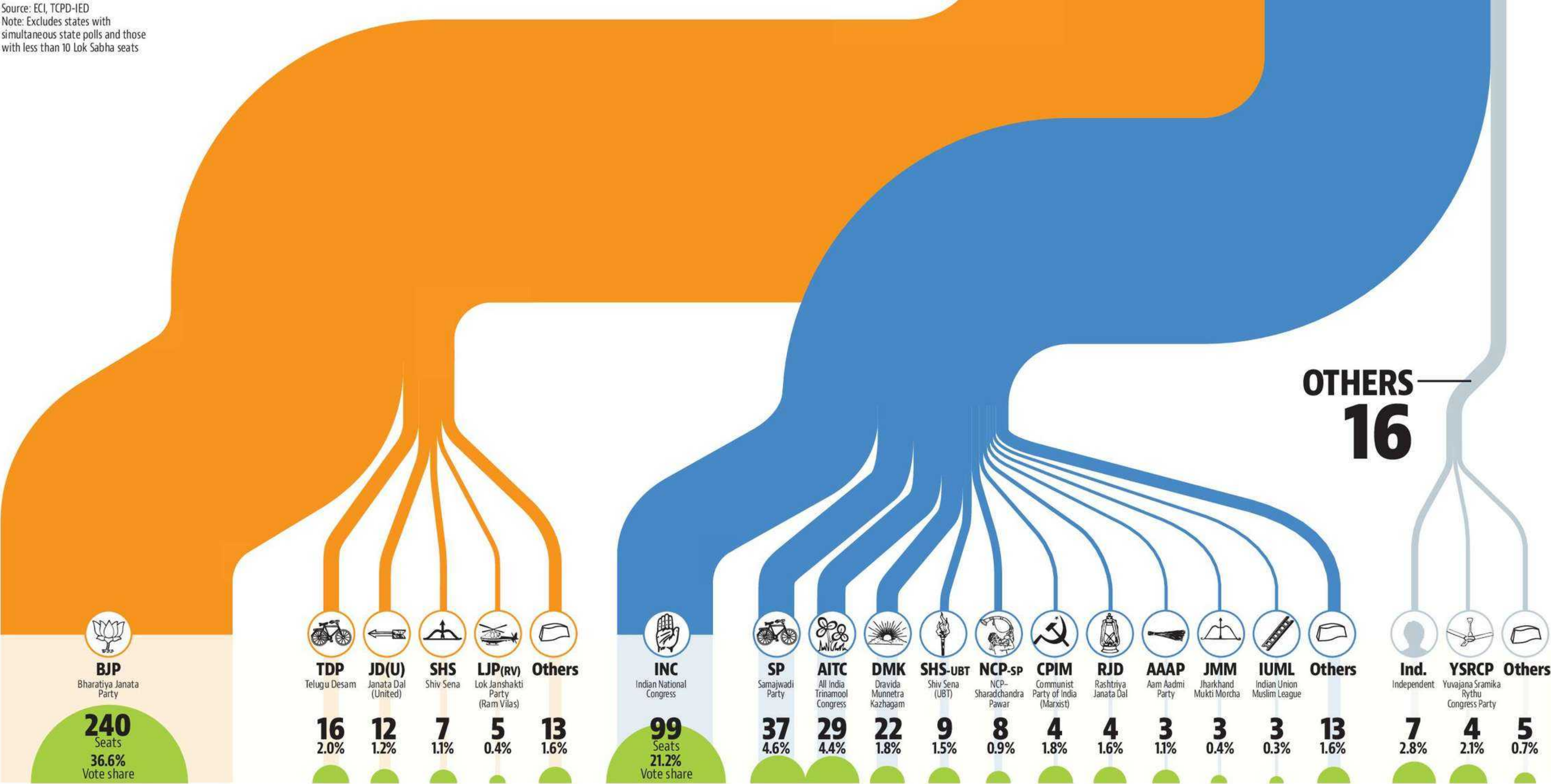
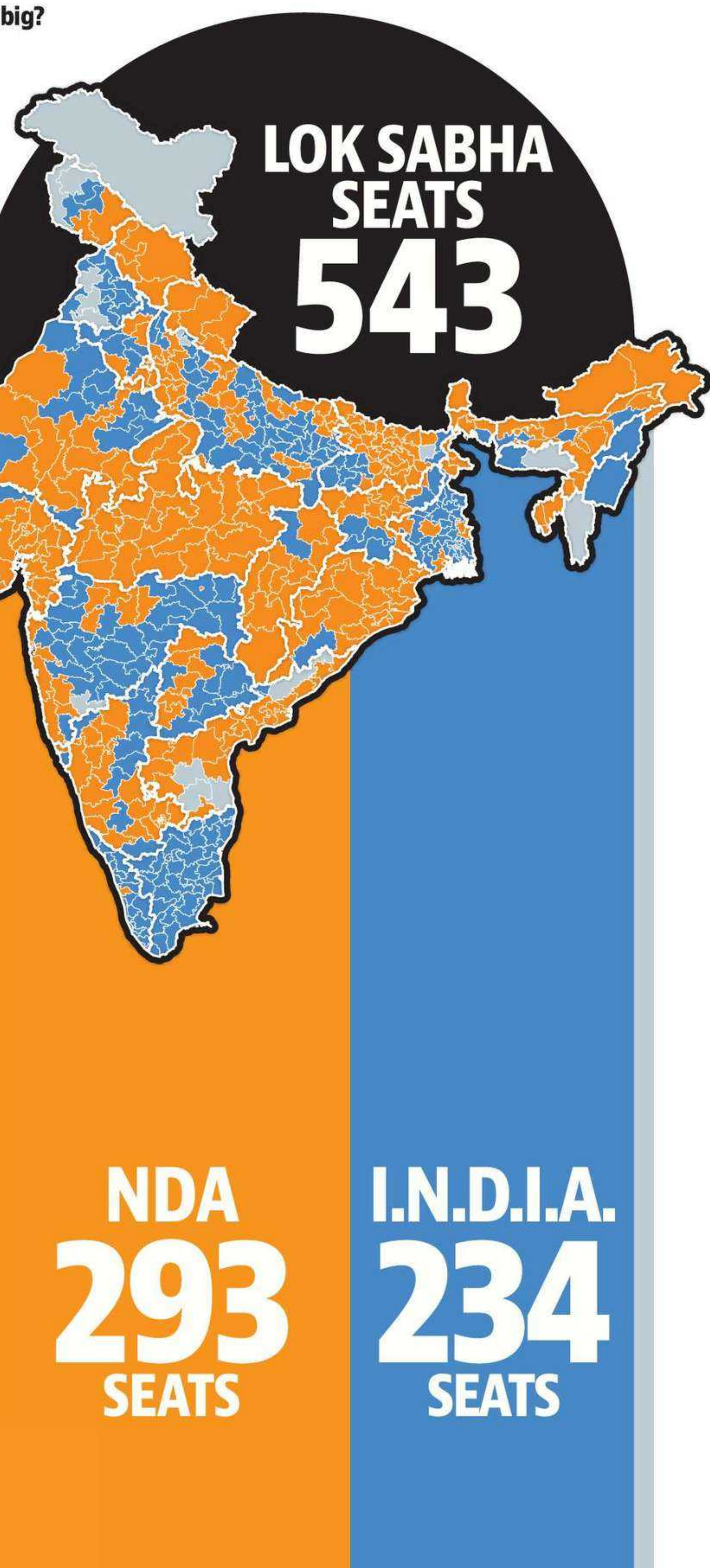
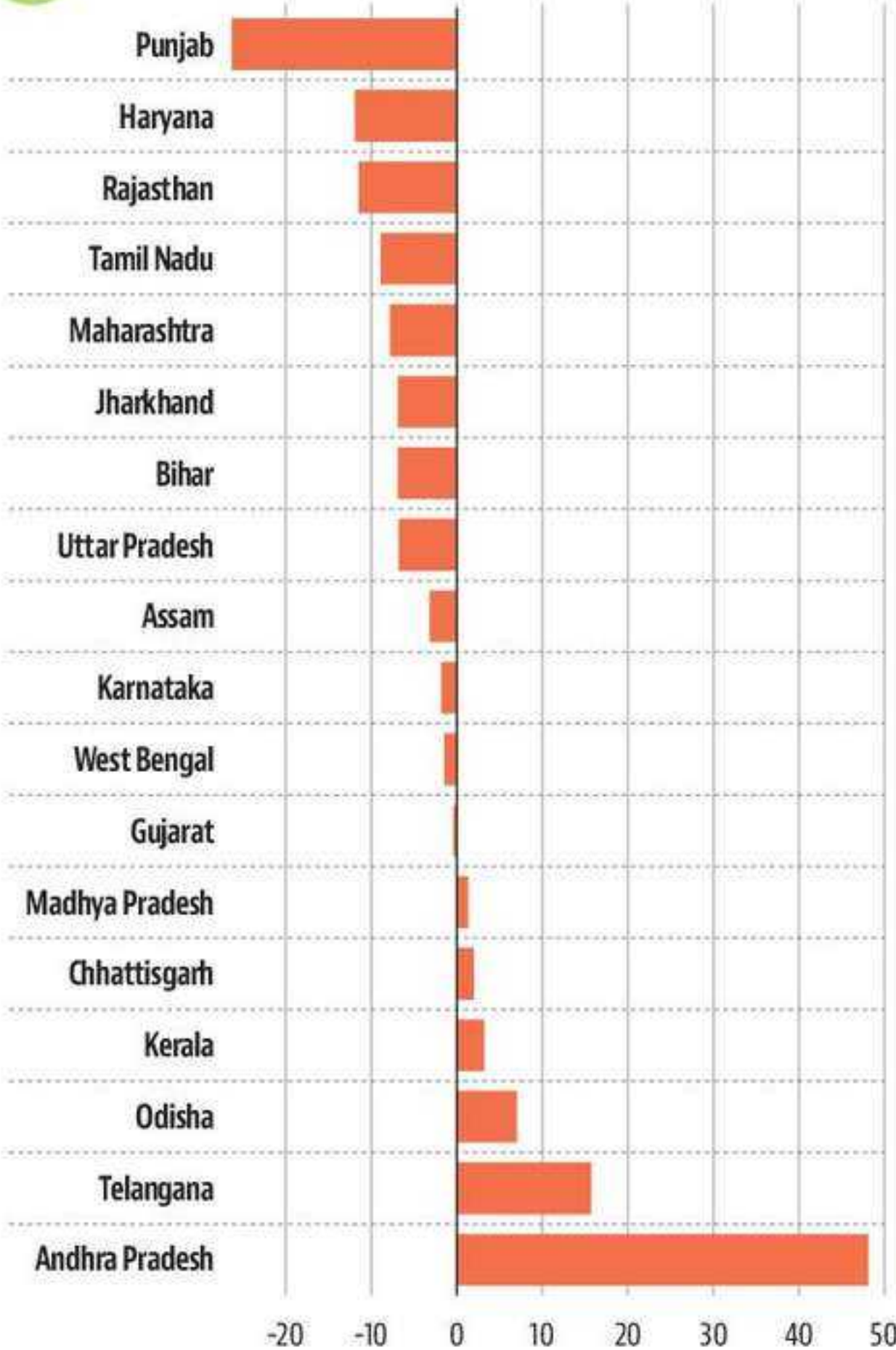
### 5 BJP's vote share among Hindus assuming no other community voted for it (%)



## Is BJP's 'north-south divide' bogus?

The view that the BJP is mainly a party of north India while it struggles in the south ought to be discarded after the 2024 results. The BJP has increased its vote share in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Kerala compared to 2019. Even in Tamil Nadu, while the BJP's contested vote share has fallen compared to 2019, when it had a senior ally in AIADMK, its 11.3% vote share is the highest it has ever won in the state. The highest vote share for the party in the state earlier was 7% in 1999, when it was allied with the DMK. Similarly, the Hindi belt has not been a monolith for the BJP and it has lost vote share in some states but held its ground in others.

### 6 Change in BJP's contested vote share since 2019 (percentage points)





# Fire breaks out at two Lajpat Nagar hospitals, none hurt

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**NEW DELHI:** A major fire broke out at a two-storey building housing an eye hospital in Lajpat Nagar along the Ring Road on Wednesday morning, police officers and fire officials said. They said that there were no patients in the building when the fire broke out, and the few staffers who were present at the time escaped without injuries.

Police said the fire then spread to an adjacent building that also houses an eye hospital—owned by the same person—but patients there were evacuated in time.

The presence of emergency vehicles as well onlookers led to traffic snarls on the Ring Road and in Lajpat Nagar for at least half-an-hour, police said.

According to fire officials, the blaze broke out on the ground floor of the building housing the children's wing of the Eye 7 Hospital in Lajpat Nagar at around 11.15am. The building also has commercial offices as well as residential units, fire officials said.

They said the hospital doesn't have beds and only performs minor procedures, and there were no patients present at the time of the incident.

"Initially, we sent six fire tenders, and then 10 more were sent to douse the blaze. The fire was controlled by 12.50 pm. According to our inquiry, the fire started due to an electric spark in the air conditioner," said Delhi Fire Services (DFS) chief Atul Garg, adding that the building did not need a fire no objection certificate (NOC) since it was only seven metres high—short of the nine metres height at which an NOC is mandatory.

Deputy commissioner of police (southeast) Rajesh Deo said both



Firefighters at the site of the blaze on Wednesday. VINI KUMAR/HT

hospitals have permission for only 10 beds under the Delhi Nursing Home Registration Act, and their permits are valid till 2027.

"Patients at the two hospitals are admitted only for short stay. About 15 patients were present at the second hospital for OPD consultation and four patients for surgery. They were evacuated immediately without any loss to life," Deo said, adding that the fire NOC for the second hospital is valid till next year.

HT reached out to the owner of the hospitals, but calls and messages went unanswered.

## GGM ROAD RAGE: 34-YR-OLD STABBED WITH SCREWDRIVER NEAR MG ROAD

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**GURUGRAM:** A 34-year-old man on his way to drop his wife to her workplace was allegedly stabbed multiple times with a screwdriver by two people in a road-rage incident at MDI Chowk, MG Road, Gurugram, police said.

The incident took place at 9am on Tuesday, hardly 400 metres from the counting centre on MG Road where there was heavy police deployment. The injured person was identified as Devinder Singh, a resident of Sector 18.

Inspector Surender Singh, SHO of Sector 18 police station said police arrested two people, Mohammad Shahruckh, 27, and his brother Adil, 23, adding Shahruckh called up his brother continue the assault.

Police said the suspects also assaulted Singh's wife, Namita, when she tried to protect her husband and record the incident on her phone. A senior police officer said Shahruckh was riding ahead of the couple's car recklessly. "Singh honked a few times to overtake Shahruckh... A verbal altercation followed and Shahruckh stopped Singh's car. He pulled out a screwdriver, leaned through the window and stabbed Singh in the neck, chest, abdomen. He then dragged Singh out of the car and rang up his younger brother Adil. Later, both of them assaulted him and his wife," he said. Based on Singh's complaint, an FIR was registered against both suspects at Sector 18 police station.

## Autopsy: Infants died of heat burns in Vivek Vihar fire

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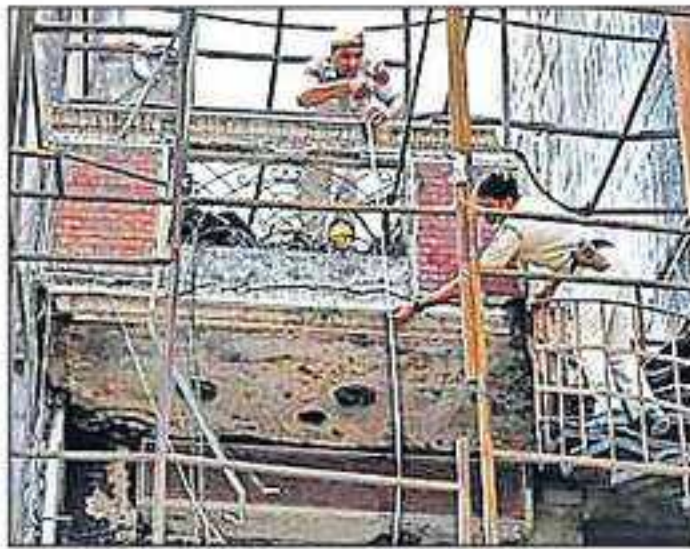
**NEW DELHI:** The first set of post-mortem reports of the six newborns killed in the massive fire that broke out in a neonatal hospital in Vivek Vihar, east Delhi, has cited their cause of death as "shock as a result of antemortem flame burns," according to police officers aware of the matter. However, the viscera report is awaited for the final conclusions, the officers added.

Deputy commissioner of police (Shahdara) Surendra Chaudhary confirmed that the report was received on May 31. The report of the seventh baby who died on May 31—five days after the blaze—is awaited, the officer said.

"In the primary stage, the cause of death is suspected to be 'shock as a result of flame burns on the body'. However, in this case, the blood may have been preserved to find out the carboxyhemoglobin in the blood, which may change the cause of death to 'suffocation'," said Dr BN Misra, head of forensic medicine at Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital.

Dr Mishra added that if the body had sustained burns, the cause of death could be shock—either neurogenic or hypovolemic—but if the body had no burns, there the babies may have died of asphyxia caused by smoke or irrespirable gases.

A senior police officer part of the probe said that none of the six



Seven babies died in the fire at the hospital. ARVIND YADAV/HT

infants had burns because they did not come in direct contact with the fire. However, the temperature of the room was very high at the time of the incident and since newborns have extremely fragile skin, it may have led to superficial burns. An eight baby had died before the incident and his body had been kept in the hospital to be handed over to the family later.

"Viscera of the newborns was preserved for carbon element in the blood and has been sent for forensic examination which will ascertain more details," the officer added.

During the probe, police found several lapses including employing ayurvedic practitioners instead of doctors to cut costs, the absence of fire extinguishers for emergencies, and the lack of emergency exits, among other things, at Baby Care New Born Hospital. Two people, the owner Dr Naveen Khichi and an ayurveda practitioner Dr Akash, were arrested by police after the fire.

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## Ghazipur: 19-yr-old held after gunfight

**NEW DELHI:** A 19-year-old man wanted in separate cases of murder and attempt to murder was arrested after a shootout with the special cell of Delhi Police in Ghazipur, east Delhi at 12.30am on Tuesday, police said on Wednesday. The suspect was injured after he was shot once in each leg during the gunfight, in which seven bullets were exchanged between him and police, officers said. The suspect, Mohammad Ayaan, was wanted in two cases registered in connection with two incidents that took place on April 30 and May 29. On April 30, he shot at a man over personal enmity, said police. But that man survived with the help of his friend. On May 29, Ayaan shot dead that man's friend, said police. Police learned that Ayaan would be in DDA Park on Tuesday night, laid a trap, and arrested him. HT

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# BJP the overwhelming pick, but INDIA scores in pockets

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**NEW DELHI:** The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secured more votes than Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-Congress combine in 52 of Delhi's 70 assembly segments in the general elections, limiting the alliance to just a few pockets of influence, data released by the state's chief electoral officer on Wednesday showed.

The 18 segments where the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) led the BJP are spread across the Capital's seven Lok Sabha seats, and eight constituencies have a sizeable Muslim population, showed the data.

For instance, in the Chandni Chowk constituency, the BJP's Praveen Khandelwal led in Adarsh Nagar, Shalimar Bagh, Shakur Basti, Tri Nagar, Wazirpur, Model Town, Sadar Bazar — seats characterised by middle-income families and unauthorised colonies, as Congress's JP Aggarwal led in Chandni Chowk, Matia Mahal, and Ballimaran, all with a significant chunk of Muslim voters.

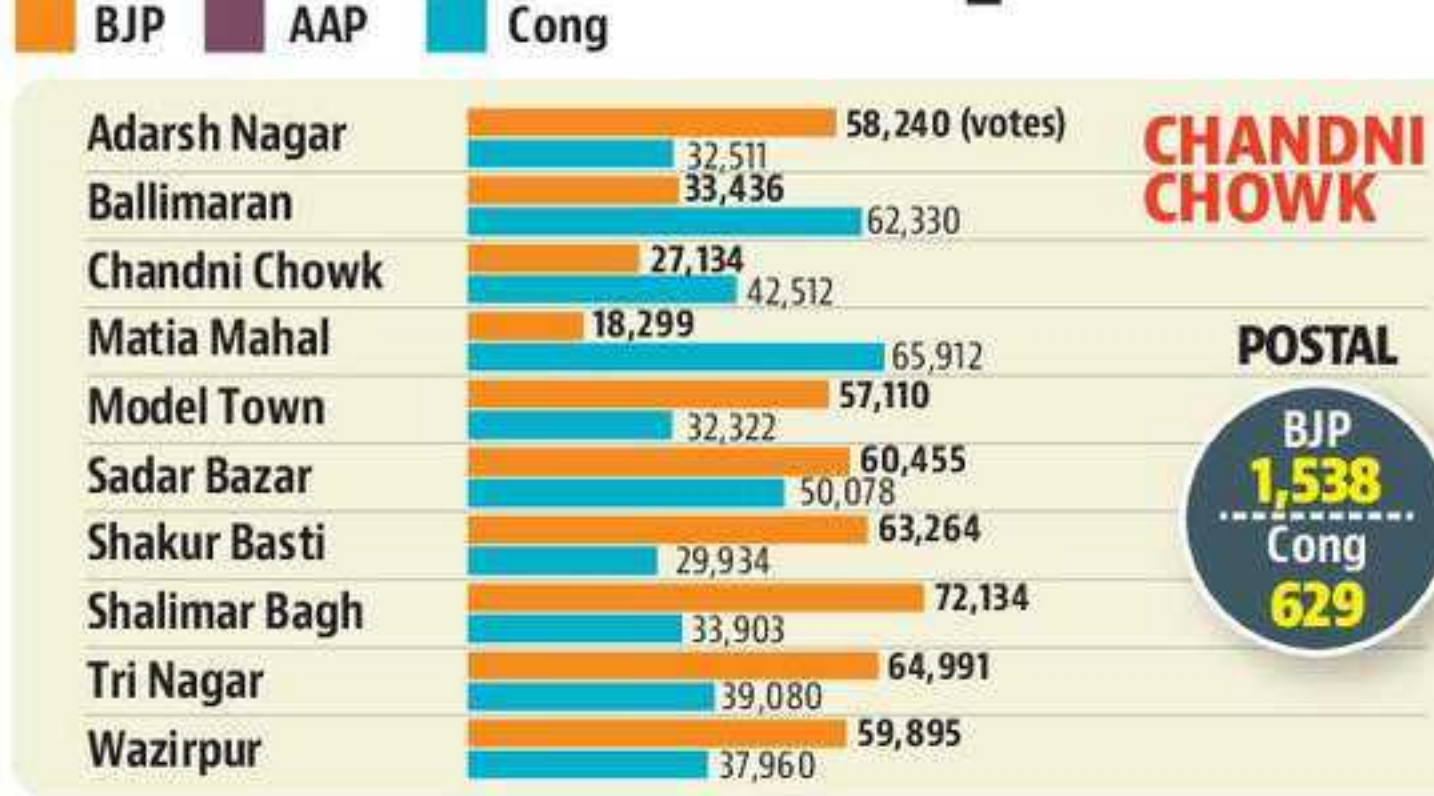
In the New Delhi constituency, the BJP's Bansuri Swaraj was ahead of the AAP's Sonath Bhatti in Karol Bagh, Patel Nagar, Moti Nagar, Rajinder Nagar, Kasturba Nagar, Malviya Nagar, and Greater Kailash. Bhatti, instead, was ahead in Delhi Cantonment, New Delhi and RK Puram constituencies.

The BJP won all of Delhi's Lok Sabha seats in the general election results declared on Tuesday, months ahead of the state assembly elections, which are scheduled to be held in February 2025. The party won 54.34% of the 8.9 million votes cast in the city, with its share past 50% in all seven seats. The AAP and Congress together secured 43.08% of the vote share.

In West Delhi, the BJP's Kamajit Shehrawat was ahead of the AAP's Mahabul Mishra in Madipur, Hari Nagar, Janakpuri, Vikaspuri, Uttam Nagar, Dwarka, Matiala, Najafgarh. Mishra was ahead only in Rajouri Garden and Tilak Nagar.

In North East Delhi where a keenly watched contest played out between the BJP's Manoj Tiwari and the Congress's Kanhaiya Kumar, the opposition party in Delhi led in Burari,

## How the Capital voted



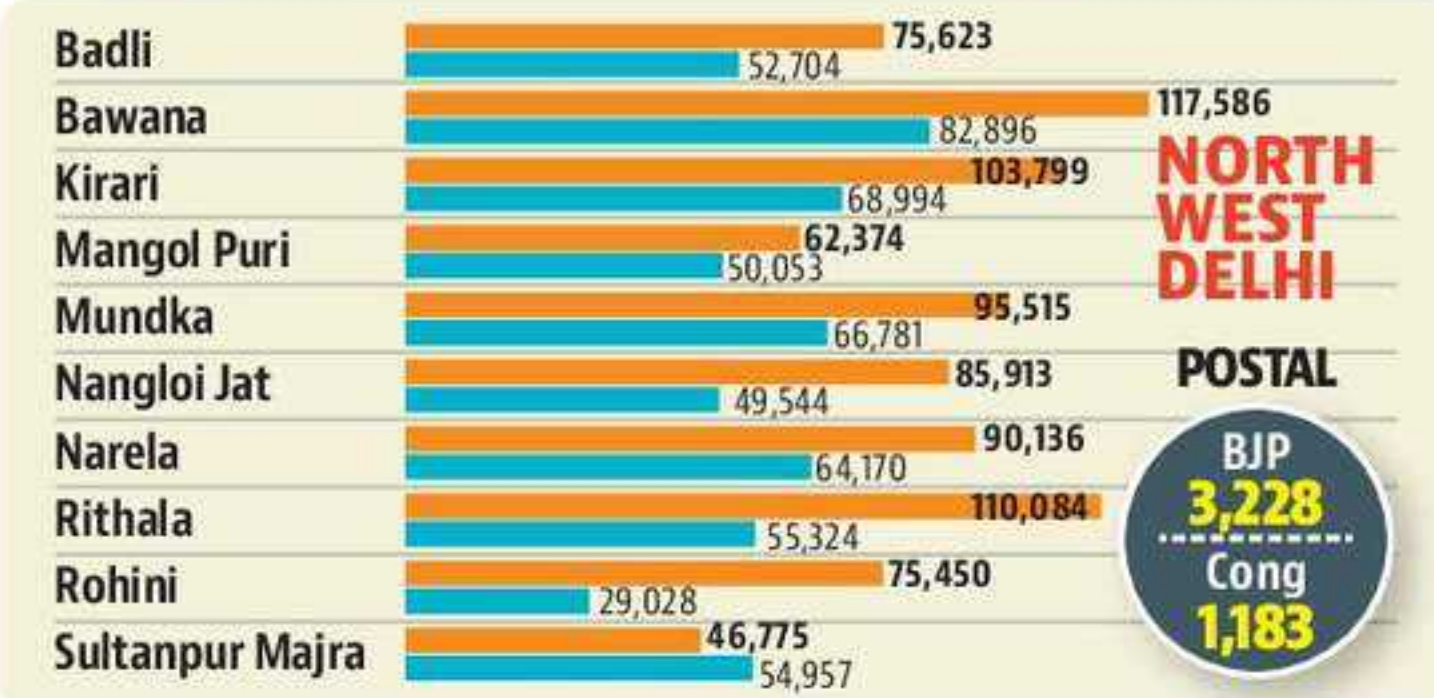
Timarpur, Rohtas Nagar, Ghonda, Gokulpur, Karawal Nagar constituencies. Kanhaiya Kumar was ahead in Seelampur, Babarpur, Mustafabad, four seats that have a sizable Muslim population. He also led in Seemapuri, which is reserved for Scheduled Castes.

In the North West constituency, which is reserved for scheduled castes, the BJP's Yogendra Chandolia was ahead in Narela, Badli, Rithala,

Bawana, Mundka, Kirari, Nangloi Jat, Mangolpuri, Rohini. The Congress candidate Udit Raj was ahead only in Sultanpur Majra.

In South Delhi, BJP candidate Ramvir Singh Bidhuri was ahead in Bijwasan, Palam, Mehrauli, Chhatrapur, Deoli, Kalkaji, Badarpur constituencies while AAP's Sahiram Pahwalan was ahead in Ambedkar Nagar, Sangam Vihar, Tughlakabad.

In East Delhi, BJP's Harsh



Malhotra was ahead in Trilokpuri, Kondli, Patparganj, Laxmi Nagar, Vishwas Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Gandhi Nagar and Shahdara constituencies, while the AAP candidate was ahead only in Jangpura and Okhla.

Rahul Verma, fellow at the Centre for Policy Research (CPR) said, "Delhi has been voting differently in assembly and Lok Sabha polls especially since the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, which shows the voters

have a different preference in national and local elections. In 2019 too the people gave seven Lok Sabha seats to the BJP but six months later when the same people voted in the assembly election they gave 62 out of 70 seats to the AAP."

He cautioned, however, that "the BJP's better performance in 52 assembly constituencies should not be considered an indication that the party may repeat this in the 2025 assembly polls."



BJP candidate from New Delhi constituency Bansuri Swaraj (left) and the party's North East Delhi pick Manoj Tiwari (right) at a press conference on Wednesday.

## Winning candidates thank Modi, say will fulfil pre-poll pledges

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**NEW DELHI:** The newly elected Members of Parliament (MPs) from Delhi met at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Delhi office on Wednesday, a day after the party swept all seven Lok Sabha seats in national Capital, extending its sway over parliamentary constituencies in the Delhi for the third consecutive term.

The BJP has not lost a single Lok Sabha seats since 2014.

The MPs credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for their victory and said that they will soon start work to develop their constituencies. Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva, who was also present on the occasion, said for the first time since 1952 any party has managed to make a clean sweep in Delhi for the third consecutive term in the Lok Sabha polls.

The Delhi unit of the party felicitated the seven new MPs at the party office. Significantly, the BJP's hat-trick comes months before the Delhi assembly elections which are likely to be held early next year. Sachdeva said that the BJP will win assembly elections as well.

South Delhi MP Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, who served as the leader of the opposition in the Delhi assembly, thanked the people of South Delhi for reposing faith in the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, and giving all seven seats to the BJP. "I will work to change the face of South Delhi, from the villages to the unauthorised colonies to the middle-class colonies, and the

upscale colonies. I will try my best to fix the issues facing the residents in my Lok Sabha constituency. Fixing shortage of drinking water in several areas is among my first priorities. Several areas in South Delhi are not getting clean drinking water at the peak of summer due to the failure of the AAP government," said Bidhuri.

Bidhuri also said that he will work to ensure regularisation of colonies that have come up as extensions of the rural areas under his constituency. "I will also work to ensure that the Metro network is expanded to areas where the transit mode has not reached yet," said Bidhuri.

Chandni Chowk MP Praveen Khandelwal said he will launch "Aap Ka Sansad, Aapke Dwar" drive under which he will visit and meet people in all 30 wards under his constituency on dedicated days throughout the month. "I will work with the aim of ensuring BJP's win in all 10 assembly seats under the Chandni Chowk Lok Sabha constituency in the assembly polls next year," said Khandelwal.

New Delhi BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj, who is the daughter of late BJP leader Sushma Swaraj, said her victory is a symbol of "unfathomable trust" that people have in Prime Minister Modi.

"All the newly elected seven MPs from Delhi are committed to implement Modi's dream of Viksit Bharat. The road map of work to be done in the next 100 days is ready. I promise to come up with a portal and mobile app for government employees living in New Delhi to register

their problems and to develop a start up hub in New Delhi constituency in the 100 days," Bansuri said.

East Delhi MP Harsh Malhotra said construction of homes in place of 4,000 shanties in Kalandar Colony in Dilshad Garden will begin soon. "The work on in-situ development of slums in East Delhi will begin soon. I have long list of development work to be undertaken in East Delhi," said Malhotra.

Sachdeva said that party workers worked hard for the Lok Sabha polls, and soon they begin preparing for the Delhi assembly elections. "Now, ensuring BJP's victory in the Delhi Assembly polls next year is our target," said Sachdeva.

Other MPs also said that they will soon begin development work in their respective areas, and will address the problems of the people by making necessary interventions, staying accessible to the people.

The BJP win was particularly impressive as it came despite an alliance by the AAP and the Congress. It was for the first time that the BJP was in a direct contest with the AAP in four and the Congress in three seats -- as opposed to the triangular contest it had faced since 2014. The party received a vote share of 54.34% compared to 56.85% in 2019, the vote share of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) was 21.16 and that of the Congress was 18.92%, according to Election Commission data. In 2019, AAP secured 18.2% vote share and the Congress got 22.63% of the votes.

## Will bounce back in 2025 assembly polls, says AAP

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**NEW DELHI:** The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Wednesday said Delhi has stayed true to the electoral pattern — choosing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Lok Sabha elections and voting for the AAP in the assembly polls — as the party explained its dismal show in the parliamentary elections results of which were announced on Tuesday.

The party contested 22 seats in Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat and Assam. It won just three seats in Punjab.

Party leaders said the AAP may have had a disappointing electoral outing but it stays relevant in Delhi where it has brought a new brand of politics and brought positive changes in various sectors such as education, health and power. They said AAP's main aim in these elections was to protect democracy in the country and ensure the victory of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) bloc.

"Delhi has a fixed process, it votes for the BJP in the Lok Sabha elections and votes for Arvind Kejriwal and other parties in the assembly elections. Delhi stuck to its electoral practice this time too. However, the victory margins of all BJP winners in Delhi has reduced considerably this time as compared to 2019 elections," AAP leader Sandeep Pathak said in a press conference at party headquarters on Wednesday afternoon.

AAP won three seats in Punjab but in Delhi, it could not win a single Lok Sabha seat in 2014, 2019, and 2024. As part of the INDIA bloc, the AAP contested four seats in Delhi, two in Gujarat, and one in Haryana. The AAP, however, contested on its



AAP leaders Saurabh Bharadwaj, Sandeep Pathak and Atishi during a press conference in Delhi on Wednesday.

own in Punjab and Assam where it fielded candidates on two seats.

"In 2019, we got about 7% votes in Punjab and won one seat. We were fourth or fifth on the remaining seats. But this time, we have won three seats, and had close contest on two seats. Apart from this, we have performed well on other seats too. In 2019, AAP's vote share was 7%, it rose to 26% this time. We should aim higher. We have got fewer seats in Punjab than expected. But we also have to accept that the Lok Sabha elections are fought on a different narrative. This election has proved that the AAP is a well-established party in Punjab as well. Sushil Gupta (AAP Kurukshetra candidate) lost by a margin of just 19,000 votes. The party candidate came second in Bharuch in Gujarat," Pathak said.

He added that the AAP will work harder the next time. The party will face assembly elections early next year and plans to contest the Haryana assembly elections later this year, party leaders said.

Referring to the arrest of AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal during the elections, Pathak said, "The BJP put many of our leaders in jail. Our biggest leader, Arvind Kejriwal, was also put in jail. The BJP threatened our volunteers, tried to buy MLAs and hatched conspiracies. But as a result, the people of the country rejected them, and even today the AAP is completely united," Pathak said.

"After coming out of jail for 21 days on interim bail, Arvind Kejriwal devoted all his time to campaigning. He went to many states and campaigned for all the parties and leaders of the INDIA bloc. He even went to Chandigarh and campaigned for Congress candidate Manish Tewari.

Party leaders said the party's focus was on ensuring maximum seats for the INDIA bloc.

"We have got one and a half lakh votes in Assam. For the AAP, this election was the election of the country. We went with the INDIA bloc and we followed the coalition 'dharma' with full honesty. The public has blessed us so much. We thank the public for this," said Pathak.

## 148 candidates lose deposit, BSP down to 0.7% vote share

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**NEW DELHI:** In the 2024 general elections, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Congress joined hands in Delhi to take on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which effectively turned the polls in the Capital into a bipolar contest.

This move, however, sounded the death knell for the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), which has been nearly wiped out from the city.

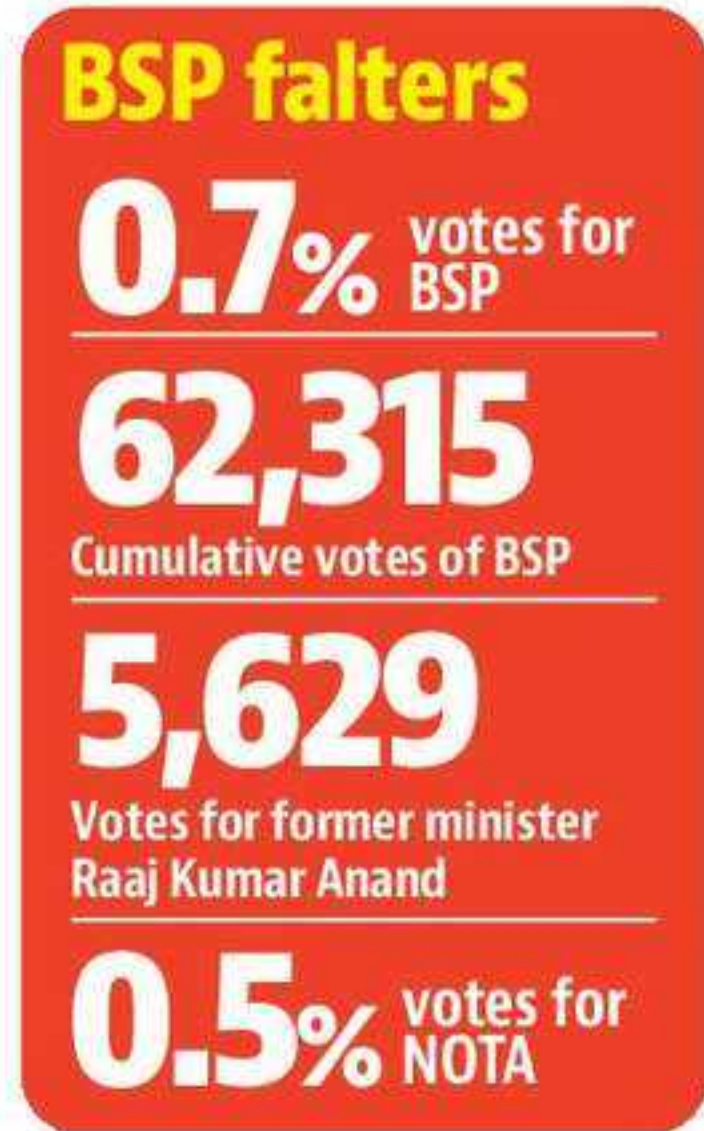
According to data released by the Election Commission of India, the BJP — which won all seven seats in the Capital — received 54.35% of the votes.

The AAP, which only contested on four seats, had 24.17% of the vote share, while the Congress, which contested from three seats, received 18.91% of the votes.

These three parties had put up a cumulative 14 nominees from the total 162 candidates in the fray. All remaining 148 candidates lost their security deposits — the rules state that a candidate must achieve at least one-sixth (16.67%) of the total polled votes in a constituency to retain their security deposit, which is ₹25,000 for general and ₹12,500 for Scheduled Caste candidates.

All other players in the fray — the All India Forward Bloc (AIFB) and other, smaller participants, along with independent candidates — have also been decimated.

**A new low for BSP**  
The EC data revealed the diminishing presence of the BSP in the Capital — the party has been reduced to just 62,315



(0.7%) of the votes polled in the city, with its best-known candidate, former Aam Aadmi Party minister Raaj Kumar Anand, managing to get just 5,629 votes from the New Delhi constituency.

The BSP made its poll debut in Delhi in the 1989 general elections, with founder Kanshi Ram contesting from the East Delhi parliamentary constituency and receiving 11.2% of the votes.

The party's presence grew stronger in the city, peaking at 14% of the vote share in the 2008 assembly polls — an election in which it also managed to win two seats.

But it has been all downhill from there, with the party receiving 1.23% of vote share in the 2014 polls and 1.08% in the 2019 polls, culminating in the 2024 polls — its worst ever showing in the city. BSP Delhi president Laxman Singh said, "We will renew our commitment and prepare to fight on all 70 seats in the coming Delhi assembly elections."

## Urban voters push BJP across the line in NCR

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**GURUGRAM/NOIDA/GHAZIABAD:** Urban voters in two parliamentary seats in the National Capital Region — Gurugram and Ghaziabad — helped propel the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidates to victory, data released by the Election Commission of India has revealed.

Meanwhile, in Gautam Budh Nagar — the third NCR seat — urban voters helped re-elect incumbent MP Mahesh Sharma, with the BJP candidate winning by 559,472 votes — the largest margin in Uttar Pradesh.

**In Gurugram, BJP fends off Cong challenge**

BJP candidate for the Gurugram Lok Sabha seat Rao Inderjit Singh won the constituency for a fourth consecutive term, defeating his Congress opponent Raj Babbar by 75,079 votes.

As the counting of the votes began, Singh and Babbar were initially neck-to-neck, but by 2pm, Singh started pulling away. This lead was largely thanks to votes from the two urban constituencies of the nine assembly seats that make up Gurugram — Gurugram and Badshahpur.

EC data revealed that the Congress performed well in the minority-dominated assembly seats of Nuh, Punhama and Firozpur Jhirka, while the BJP candidate pulled more votes in Pataudi,



A man casts a vote at a polling booth in Noida Sector 128 on April 25.

Bawal, and Sohna. However, in the end, it was the two urban seats that made the difference.

Singh polled 196,805 votes in the Badshahpur assembly seat — more than two-and-a-half times the 75,081 votes that Babbar received. Similarly, in Gurugram, Singh got 162,825 votes against the 60,439 votes to the Congress pick.

Admitting that the election had been a close contest, Gurugram district BJP president Kamal Yadav said, "Urban polling booths in Gurugram and Badshahpur ensured people came out and voted in large numbers, and this helped the BJP candidate."

**Ghaziabad urban pockets turn the tide**

According to EC data, BJP candidate Atul Garg won the Ghaziabad seat by a margin of 336,965 votes

— the third highest in Uttar Pradesh. This victory was largely down to Garg's strong performance in the urban segments of Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, and Muradnagar — three of the five assembly seats that make up the parliamentary constituency.

According to Form 20 figures, Garg defeated Congress candidate Dolly Sharma by a margin of 191,184 in Sahibabad, 63,256 in Ghaziabad, and 76,768 in Muradnagar. The rural Loni seat went to the wire, with BJP edging out the Congress by just 21,854 votes.

Meanwhile, Sharma managed to win 16,725 more votes in Dhaulana, the EC figures revealed.

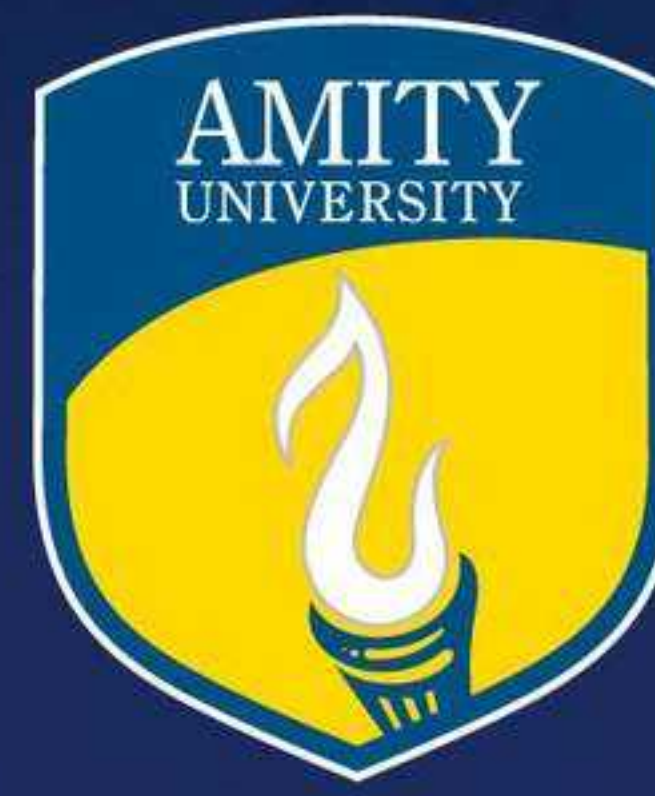
**BJP betters its 2019 show in GB Nagar**

Voters in two of the five segments in GB Nagar — the urban seats of Noida and Dadri — voted en masse for BJP candidate Dr Mahesh Sharma, who secured 857,829 votes — 559,472 more than Samajwadi Party's Dr Mahendra Nagar. In Noida, Sharma got a mind-boggling 277,999 or 75.57% of the votes — more than four times the 63,506 votes that Nagar won. Similarly, in Dadri, Sharma got 251,359 votes, against the 88,088 votes to Nagar.

To be sure, Sharma also comfortably won from the remaining three segments of Jewar, Sikandrabad, and Khurja, but there, the winning margins were much closer.

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People cover their heads to stave off the heat on Wednesday. The Met department has predicted isolated thunderstorms and drizzle in Delhi and NCR for Thursday.

# Wind change brings humidity, city sweats with mercury at 44°C

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**NEW DELHI:** Mercury continued to remain in the torrid zone in Delhi for the 12th consecutive day on Tuesday, which was aggravated by strong southwesterly winds that brought humidity into the fore, according to data from the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

As the heat refused to abate, the maximum rose marginally and was recorded at 44°C—four degrees above normal, and 0.5 degrees shy of being officially declared a “heatwave” day—at Safdarjung, representative of Delhi’s weather.

The maximum was 43.8°C a day earlier. The southwesterlies prevailed during the day and a wind speed of 30-40 km/hour was recorded in some places even as relative humidity remained moderate.

However, towards the evening, the weather became pleasant with gusty winds coupled with rain in parts of the city bringing the mercury down.

Delhi’s minimum was 31°C, three degrees above normal and the highest minimum for June in two years. It was last higher on

**TOWARDS THE EVENING, THE WEATHER BECAME PLEASANT, WITH GUSTY WINDS AND RAIN BRINGING DOWN THE TEMPERATURE**

June 14, 2022 (31.2°C).

IMD said the impact of a western disturbance, along with southwesterly winds, will likely retain moisture in the atmosphere. The weather agency has predicted isolated thunderstorms and light rain for Thursday. Two weather stations, Ridge and Ayanagar, received “trace” rainfall in the early hours of Wednesday.

“We can expect similar weather to continue over the next few days with hot days but there are chances of an isolated dust storm and drizzle towards the evening and night,” said an IMD official, adding there is an “orange alert” in place for Thursday.

Delhi’s relative humidity oscillated between 21% and 52% on Wednesday. It was between 26% and 64% on Tuesday. This slight drop in relative humidity

meant Delhi’s Heat Index (HI) or “real feel” also dropped to 46°C compared to 48.6°C a day earlier.

Delhi’s wet bulb temperature, another indicator of the comfort level, was between 25.1°C and 25.7°C. A wet bulb temperature of 32°C or higher makes it difficult for people to be outdoors for long and at 35°C—the maximum threshold—humans can no longer regulate body temperatures, leading to heat strokes and potential collapse. In Delhi, this tends to be over 30°C, usually in July and early August, when temperatures are high and there is moisture intrusion, due to the southwest monsoon.

The highest maximum in Delhi was 46.4°C at Najafgarh in southwest Delhi. According to IMD, it is considered a heatwave day when the maximum temperature is over 40°C, while also being 4.5 degrees or more above normal. Parts of Delhi have been recording heatwave conditions since May 25.

IMD has forecast Delhi’s maximum to dip by around two degrees, set to hover around the 42°C mark at Safdarjung on Thursday. However, humidity will continue to remain high, the weather agency said.

# Toronto flight stopped on runway after bomb hoax

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**NEW DELHI:** Panic gripped a Delhi-Toronto flight at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi after the airport authorities received a bomb threat on Tuesday night, officials aware of the matter said on Wednesday. Officials said 300 passengers and 16 crew members on board the Air Canada flight were evacuated minutes after the Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) informed them about the email saying a bomb was planted on the plane.

The Delhi Police said the threat was found to be a hoax later and legal action is being taken in the case. Airport officials said the mail was received at 11pm when the Air Canada flight was on the runway. The mail mentioned the flight number and threatened a bomb explosion.

Deputy commissioner of police (IG) Usha Rangnani said the email was received at the DIAL office. “The flight was to depart for Toronto at 10.50pm. We stopped it and a thorough inspection was conducted following standard security protocol. But nothing suspicious was

found,” said Rangnani.

Airport officials said all passengers were asked to evacuate the aircraft after the call. Taxis and buses were called to ferry them to the terminal building and the plane was sent to an isolated space for checking. The Delhi Police, Central Industrial Security Force and the bomb disposal squad were called in and nothing suspicious was found.

“The flight with 301 passengers and 16 crew members was evacuated as the mail came in. The plane was about to take off but was stopped. The flight was later cancelled,” said an airport

official.

This is the fourth such incident in nearly a month. Senior police officers said such hoax incidents might lead to a “slower” response from bomb disposal squads as the teams have been reacting to hoax calls at hospitals, schools, colleges, airports and offices for a month. Police said they have asked senior authorities to take action on the hoax calls and emails and catch the offenders.

In the last three weeks, at least three other bomb threats were received at the IGI airport, all of which were later declared a hoax. On May 12, the

IGI airport and eight hospitals in Delhi received emails warning of bombs on the premises.

Days later, a hoax threat was received, saying there was a bomb on an Air India set to depart for Vadodara on May 16. In that case, a crew member found the word “bomb” written on a tissue paper left inside the lavatory. On May 28, passengers on a Varanasi-bound IndiGo flight had to be evacuated minutes before take-off at the airport after a note was found in the flight’s lavatory with the words “bomb at 5:30” written on it. This, too, was declared a hoax later.

# PM launches ‘a tree for mother’ drive on Environment Day

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**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday kicked off World Environment Day celebrations in the Capital by launching the tree plantation campaign Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam (one tree for mother) at Buddha Jayanti Park.

World Environment Day is celebrated annually on June 5 with the aim of increasing awareness and action for the protection of the environment. This year’s theme is land restoration, desertification and drought resilience.



PM Modi with LG VK Saxena and Union minister Bhupendra Yadav at the Buddha Jayanti Park in Delhi on Wednesday. ANI

In a series of posts on X, Modi called upon people across the world to plant a tree. “This morning, I planted a tree... I urge you all to also contribute to making our planet better... It would make you all very happy that in the last decade, India has undertaken numerous collective efforts which have led to increased forest cover across the nation. This is great for our quest towards sustainable development...,” he posted.

Separately, lieutenant governor VK Saxena planted saplings at the DDA-operated Astha Kunj park at Nehru Place. Over 100 native species, including arjun, gulmohar and jamun were planted at the nearly 200-acre park.

Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai, who planted saplings

of native trees at Civil Lines, said the residents can keep their homes cool by ensuring there were plants on rooftops.

“This will protect us from heatwaves and also help with air pollution,” he said, adding that the Delhi government is committed to greening the city, and has planted over 20 million saplings in the last four years.

Meanwhile, experts called for the need to restore the Aravallis to protect Delhi from future desertification and dust storms.

“An attempt to restore the Aravallis is an important solution to arrest desertification... species like kair and dhau are deep-rooted and can help prevent soil erosion,” said Faiyaz Khudsar, scientist-in-charge of the Biodiversity Parks Programme in Delhi.

# MCD plans Capital’s largest nursery at Roshanara Bagh

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**NEW DELHI:** The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has kicked off the second phase of its plan to expand Roshanara Bagh nursery over an 8.5-acre area and double its production capacity, said senior officials overseeing the project.



The Roshanara Park nursery in March. VIPIN KUMAR/HT

The civic body will add three sections ahead of the monsoon—for fruiting plants, creepers and climbers, and succulents.

“The second phase will focus on an open-air nursery section, with the largest area set aside for fruit-bearing trees, climbers to green flyovers and succulents,” said a senior MCD official.

The annual capacity of the Roshanara Bagh nursery is 150,000-200,000 saplings, which will be doubled under the second phase of development, said the official.

“In the first phase, we added a polyhouse-based climate controlled nursery, the first such facility for MCD, which is producing 30,000-40,000 saplings which cannot be grown in an open environment,” said the person. The nursery structure is made of polyhouse, allowing it to control parameters such as temperature and humidity.

MCD opened its first high-tech nursery in the historic Mughal-era garden in December 2022. “Earlier, the space was neglected and filled with construction waste. Around 3.5

acres has now already been developed with polyhouses, shaded nurseries, an open-air nursery, bamboo machan and seating space, along with a single-storey structure for gardening,” said the MCD official.

The nursery has climate control features to monitor light exposure, humidity, and temperature inside a polyhouse, and a boom irrigation system among other features.

“In subsequent phases it can be opened to educate the public in gardening techniques. The facility is being used to teach plant propagation techniques such as cutting, layering, grafting, budding, and tissue culture,” the official said.

A second official said that the annual greening drive this year will focus on a large proportion of fruiting trees like jamun, guava, mulberry, mangoes

which will be cultivated in the new space.

“The creepers and climbers section will be used to cultivate the saplings of madhumaalti, Japanese honeysuckle and philodendron splendidi, which will be used to green the spaces under and along flyovers instead of potted vertical gardens, which are much more resource intensive and harder to manage,” the official added.

The official also said the corporation this year plans to introduce fruit trees in municipal parks. “There is a Jamun wala park located in Saket but it has no Jamun trees. We plan to selectively introduce these plant on such themes,” official added.

Spread over 57 acres, the 17th century Roshanara Bagh was a garden developed by the second daughter of Shah Jahan and Mumtaz Mahal.

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# Court rejects CM’s interim bail plea, cites campaigning

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**NEW DELHI:** A special court on Wednesday denied interim bail to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, arrested in connection with alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise policy 2021-22, citing his campaigning for the recently-concluded general elections as evidence that he does not suffer from any serious or life-threatening ailments.

The court’s order came on an application moved by Kejriwal last week, in which he sought interim bail for seven days, citing severe health issues, including an aggressive form of diabetes and kidney complications that he said had worsened during his period of judicial custody from April 1 to May 10.

However, special judge Kavari Baweja observed that the extensive election campaigning and meetings conducted by Kejriwal during the polls indicate that he is not entitled to interim bail on health grounds. She also noted that diabetes is not considered a serious ailment that warrants interim bail.

“Diabetes or even type-2 diabetes cannot be said to be so serious an ailment so as to entitle him to the relief claimed.



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal HT

Further, the extensive campaigning tours and related meetings/events undertaken by Arvind Kejriwal, as highlighted during the course of arguments, also indicate that he does not appear to be suffering from any serious or life-threatening ailment so as to entitle him to the beneficial provision as contained in the proviso to Section 45 PMLA [Prevention of Money Laundering Act],” the judge stated in her order.

While the special court rejected Kejriwal’s interim bail plea, it will hear his regular bail application on June 7.

During the hearing, the special court pointed out that the

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener was seeking bail for the diagnosis of an “anticipated ailment” and for tests to determine whether high ketone levels or his claimed weight loss could have caused diabetic ketoacidosis. The judge underlined that such tests could be conducted while Kejriwal is in custody.

“Apparently, as per the Applicant himself, he seeks interim bail for ‘diagnosis’ of an anticipated ailment which cannot be said to be a valid ground for the relief prayed for, particularly when this concern can be addressed while the Applicant is in custody,” the court said.

To address Kejriwal’s health concerns, the court ordered the revival of the AIIMS medical board constituted earlier to examine him and conduct necessary medical tests within three days.

It directed the medical board to prescribe any required treatment and instructed the jail authorities to ensure that the prescribed treatment is provided promptly, under intimation to the court.

“Upon receipt of the test reports, the medical board shall prescribe the further necessary treatment as may be required, and the Jail Authorities shall

ensure that the treatment so prescribed by the Medical Board is provided to the Applicant forthwith, under intimation to this court,” the court ordered.

The Delhi government’s 2021-22 excise policy aimed to revitalise the city’s flagging liquor business, but was scrapped after lieutenant governor VK Saxena recommended a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into alleged irregularities in the regime.

The Enforcement Directorate, carrying out a separate probe into the policy in connection with alleged money laundering, arrested Kejriwal on March 21, and a Delhi court later remanded him to judicial custody at Tihar jail.

On May 10, the Supreme Court granted Kejriwal interim bail to campaign for the Lok Sabha elections, instructing him to surrender before Tihar authorities on June 2. Just before his interim bail ended, the AAP convener approached the Supreme Court seeking an extension, but the top court registry rejected his plea to list the application, terming it “misconceived” and “not maintainable”.

Kejriwal then approached the lower court with an interim bail plea and a regular bail plea.

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Then there is the market’s other sunset. It too is seldom noticed, though it has long been gathering about the market’s original character. Khan Market started with 154 shops and 75 flats. That was in 1951. The year 2024 began with only five of those flats, all the rest having slipped into history. One of the flats, market gossip informs, was vacated a few weeks ago. It too might be replaced by a cafe or a showroom.

Named after freedom fighter Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan’s elder brother Khan Abdul Jabbar Khan, the market is among India’s most exclusive spaces. It teems with Gucci, Prada, Burberry and Rolex sartorialists. In the free car parking, Porsche sightings are normal.

The beginnings were humbler.

All Khan Market shops used to be on the ground floor, and the flats used to be on the first floor. Until the 1980s, the flats were homes to mostly middle-

class Punjabi entrepreneurs — though one of them was politician Jag Pravesh Chandra, who lived in what is today Punjab Grill restaurant. Gradually, the market crept into the makaan. Most households moved out after selling or renting out their flats. There were many reasons — the families were expanding, the market was becoming noisier, etc. Initially, two-room residences would be sold for mere thousands of rupees. That figure increased to lakhs. Those who didn’t sell ended up sitting on gold mines. Most of those lucky ones too left, eventually.

It is now impossible to imagine the homely world of Khan Market’s first-floor residents. That was an era when naughty bachhe-log would jump across roofs to visit each other’s houses, boys would play cricket in the middle lane, and “uncle ji” and “aunty ji” would be known by their house numbers. For a birthday party, a “mummy” in this or that flat might order pakode from Raj Sweet Shop or mithai from Bengal Sweets (Goyal’s Sweet was the last choice). Today, there is Ladurée from Paris, but not one laddu ki dukan.

Whatever, the last surviving houses of Khan Market, their ordinary doorways sandwiched between frou-frou shops, are keeping alive the flame of its native spirit.



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## Prof from JNU elected MP from Inner Manipur

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**NEW DELHI:** A Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) professor is among the two Congress MPs who won the two Lok Sabha seats (Inner and Outer) in Manipur. In the Inner Manipur seat, Angomcha Bimol Akoijam, 56, defeated the Bharatiya Janata Party’s T Basanta Kumar Singh, the state education minister in the Biren Singh government.

Akoijam won the Inner Manipur seat by a margin of 109,801 votes.

Previously, BJP’s Dr Raj Kumar Ranjan Singh represented the seat. “People voted for the Congress because the state



A Bimol Akoijam PTI

BJP government has failed to control the violence and restore normalcy... People have felt their state has been destroyed and ignored. I think that resentment has translated into this massive mandate,” Akoijam said.

Akoijam teaches at JNU’s Centre for the Study of Social Systems in the School of Social Sciences.

## Staff protests at CP’s cottage emporium

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**NEW DELHI:** The staff at the Central Cottage Industries Corporation (CCIC) emporium at Janpath, an operation that falls under the Union textile ministry, are protesting against non-payment of salaries for the past five months.

These workers alleged that the matter remains unresolved despite several appeals and letters to the ministry, including to Union minister Piyush Goyal.

“We have been told that we are not getting paid because of the pandemic, but the management still gets their hefty salaries every month,” said Rakesh

Kumar, one of the protesting staffers.

Textile ministry spokesperson Vikas Narain said the ministry wasn’t aware of the protest and did not offer further comment.

The office of emporium managing director Mohan Lal said that he too is not receiving his salary. “It is due to the pandemic. The workers are protesting for no reason,” an official in his office said.

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# Special status to ministerial posts: BJP allies may drive hard bargains

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**HYDERABAD/PATNA:** Multiple ministerial berths, both of Cabinet and minister of state ranks, and several region-specific demands such as financial aid for their respective states — the demands flew quick and fast, usually aired through back channels, sometimes but rarely articulated in public, as constituents of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) jockeyed for power and position on Wednesday as they attempted to engineer India's next cabinet.

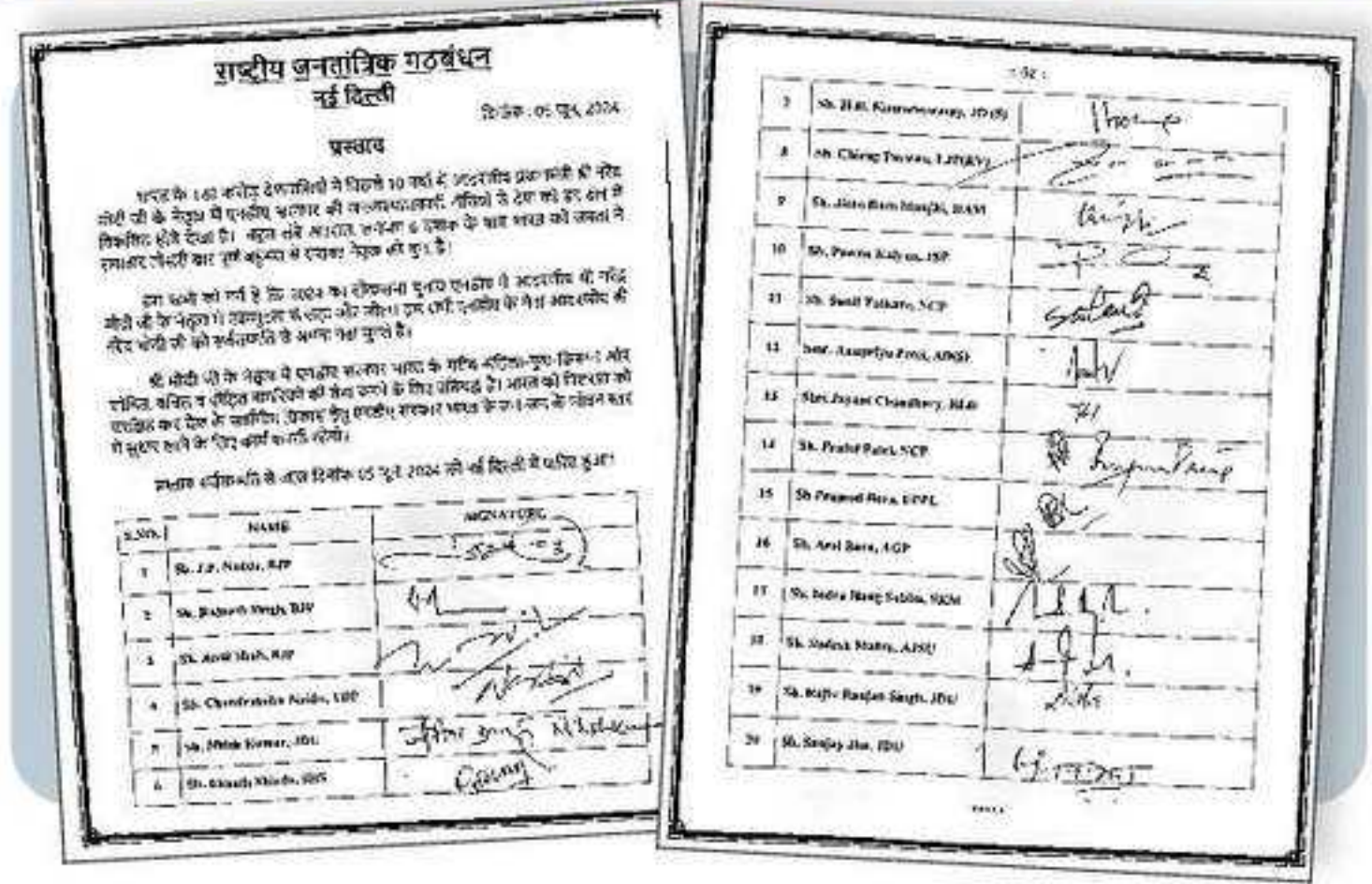
The hectic parleys came a day after general election results showed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at 240 seats, 32 short of a majority in the 543 member house for the first time in a decade, and the National Democratic Alliance at 293.

The constituents of the alliance met in New Delhi on Wednesday and reaffirmed their commitment to forming the government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who appeared set for a third straight term in office.

N Chandrababu Naidu, whose Telugu Desam Party swept both the Lok Sabha and assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh and who is set to be the southern state's next chief minister, flew to New Delhi with the third partner in the state, Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan, on Wednesday.

The TDP is the BJP's largest ally with 16 seats and the Jana Sena won another two.

The party could ask for four



**Prime Minister Narendra Modi (top), along with Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, during the NDA leaders' meeting at the PM residence on Wednesday; and the letter (left) signed by NDA allies to elect Modi as their leader.** ANI

berths — two Cabinet and two MoS posts with important portfolios — said a senior TDP leader but added that Naidu felt it was important to not create hurdles in government formation.

More important for the party, this leader said, was liberal financial assistance for Andhra Pradesh, which has long demanded special category status. "The

revival of Amaravati capital city project and completion of Polavaram irrigation project are the top agendas of the party chief, besides implementation of the welfare schemes announced by him in the manifesto. So, any bargaining done with the BJP central leadership will revolve around these issues," the leader added, requesting anonymity.

A second TDP leader said the party will definitely be part of the NDA government. "But it has not been decided how many berths the TDP will get in the Modi 3.0 government."

Naidu met senior colleagues in Hyderabad on Tuesday night to chart out the contours of what the party will seek once negotiations begin in earnest. "In 2014, we had

taken two berths — one Cabinet minister post and a minister of state post. Our senior leader P Ashok Gajapathi Raju was inducted as the Union civil aviation minister, while YS Chowdary was made the MoS for science and technology," the second leader said, requesting anonymity.

A second pressure group for the BJP to assuage is its NDA allies from Bihar, who together staved off a resurgence of the INDIA bloc, winning 18 of the 40 Lok Sabha seats in the state. Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar, whose Janata Dal United won 12 seat of the 16 seats it contested, also travelled to Delhi for the NDA meeting on Wednesday.

Senior JDU leaders said that the party will likely seek special category status for Bihar, and a commitment on key issues such as a national caste census, an idea first aired by the party. "We will also push for five berths in the cabinet in portfolios like railways, rural development and water resources which will help bring projects for Bihar," one JDU leader said, requesting anonymity.

The same leader said discussions were held within the party on calling early assembly elections to take advantage of an ostensibly conducive political environment that saw the NDA win 30 of the state's 40 seats. "The idea to have polls within six months has been discussed with the BJP but they have to agree on this," the leader said.

In assembly elections in Bihar held in 2020, the JDU won 43 seats in the 243 member assembly while the BJP won 74. "But this is

still in the early stages because the BJP will have to convince other alliance partners to early polls that could be held with Jharkhand, Haryana and Maharashtra," the leader said.

A second JD (U) leader also said that part of the conversations with the BJP will be the demand for a national caste census on the lines of the caste survey held in Bihar in 2023, as well as for special category status for Bihar. "The JD(U) is seeking special status category and higher central funds," said Khalid Anwar, JD(U) MLC.

Chirag Paswan's Lok Janashakti Party (Ram Vilas) that won all five seats that it contested in Bihar — Jamui, Hajipur, Samastipur, Khagaria and Vaishali — said that it was hopeful of one cabinet berth. "Another minister of state position will be a huge bonus," one leader close to Paswan said, requesting anonymity.

On Wednesday morning, Paswan, who in the past attacked Nitish Kumar, met the Bihar chief minister and said that the NDA stood united.

While the Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM), has one MP, party founder Jitan Ram Manjhi, leaders aware of the matter said they too were "hopeful of a place in the list of ministers".

Asked about the JD(S)'s "demands" ahead of government formation, party leader and former CM HD Kumaraswamy said: "Let's speak about it when the time comes. Delhi leaders know what is the appropriate decision that needs to be taken for the situation there (in Karnataka). They will decide."



**Congress workers celebrate the party's victory in the Lok Sabha elections, in New Delhi on Tuesday.** PTI

## 42% of Cong's 99 MPs from South India, shows data

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**NEW DELHI:** The Congress's 99 MPs in the 18th Lok Sabha are a diverse mix with an average age of 54.5 years (according to data from PRS Legislative Research), with 42.4% of them coming from south India and 23.2% from the western states of Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Goa and Gujarat.

With just one seat each from Odisha and West Bengal, eastern India remained the weakest area for the Congress in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Across the east and the northeast, this number was nine. Nearly half (25) of the 52 outgoing MPs of the Congress — more than 60 of them contested — have returned to the Lok Sabha.

The Congress party has at least 11 MPs who are above the age of 70 and Chhatrapati Shahu Shahaji, the Kolhapur representative, is the oldest (76 years). Sanjana Jatav and Sagar Eshwar Khandre, both 26, are the youngest MPs of the Congress.

The Congress also has more women MPs this time than it had in 2019: 13 of its 41 women candidates have won the 2024 Lok Sabha election, which is higher than the seven women lawmakers the Congress had in the outgoing 17th Lok Sabha.

While its tallest leader, former Congress president Sonia Gandhi has shifted to the Rajya Sabha earlier this year, the women MPs of the principal Opposition party in the new Lok Sabha will include veterans such as Kumari Selja from Haryana, and first-timers such as Priyanka Satish Jarkiholi from Karnataka. The list also includes Prabha Mallikarjun — a dentist by profession — and Praniti Shinde, a three-time Maharashtra

**WITH 1 SEAT EACH FROM ODISHA AND BENGAL, EASTERN INDIA REMAINED WEAKEST AREA FOR CONGRESS IN THE 2024 LS POLLS**

assembly member and the working president of the state Congress.

While the regional composition of the Congress's new lawmakers is tilted in favour of southern India, it has improved its footprint in northern India this time, courtesy victories in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab.

Of the 25 seats the Congress won in north and central India, six are from Uttar Pradesh, seven from Punjab, five from Haryana, three from Bihar, two from Jharkhand and one each from Chhattisgarh and Chandigarh.

"More importantly for the Congress, Rahul Gandhi is now an MP from Rae Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh)," pointed out a senior leader at the AICC headquarters on Wednesday. "His presence in UP is significant and we sincerely hope that he doesn't give up his Rae Bareilly seat for Wayanad." It is often said that the road to New Delhi passes through Uttar Pradesh, a reference to the 80 Lok Sabha seats in the state, the highest.

Gandhi, however, has not decided yet. He said on Tuesday that he will consult others before making a decision. In a video, he said: "Thank you very much to the people of Wayanad and Rae Bareilly for giving me immense love. If it was in my control, I would have liked to remain an MP from both the places."

## Winning and losing are part of politics: Modi to cabinet

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**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that "winning and losing are a part and parcel of politics", as he chaired the last meeting of the outgoing Union cabinet that recommended dissolution of the 17th Lok Sabha, setting in motion the process of formation of the next government.

"Winning and losing elections are part and parcel of politics. The number game continues but we have done good work for the past ten years and will continue to do so in the coming days," Modi told his colleagues.

During the meeting of the Union council of ministers, Modi praised his colleagues, saying: "All of you have worked very hard... we have lived up to the expectations of the people."

He later drove down to the Rashtrapati Bhavan to submit his



**PM Narendra Modi submits his resignation to President Droupadi Murmu, at the Presidential palace.** AP

resignation to President Droupadi Murmu. "The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, met the President today and tendered his resignation along with the Council of Ministers. The President has accepted the resignation and requested Shri Narendra Modi and the Council of Ministers to continue till the new Government assumes office," a Rashtrapati Bhavan communique said.

People familiar with the matter

said the cabinet meeting to recommend dissolution of the Lok Sabha was held at Modi's residence at about 11.30am. In the evening, NDA allies, including two chief ministers — Bihar's Nitish Kumar and Maharashtra's Eknath Shinde — and one chief minister-designate, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief Chandrababu Naidu, met at the Modi's 7 Lok Kalyan Marg residence to seal the 15-member coalition.

The term of the current 17th Lok Sabha ends on June 16.

The BJP won 240 seats in the general elections whose results were announced on Tuesday evening, stopping well short of the majority mark of 272. The Opposition's Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) delivered an unexpectedly strong performance in three of India's biggest states — Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal — to restrict the BJP 130 below its stated pre-poll target of 370

### 24 Muslim candidates elected to LS, two less than last time

**NEW DELHI:** A total of 24 Muslim candidates across the country were elected to the Lok Sabha, marginally lower than the 26 who won the polls five years ago. In 2014, 23 Muslim candidates were elected to the lower house of Parliament. A total of 78 Muslims were in the fray in the Lok Sabha elections this year, a significant drop from the last polls when 115 Muslim candidates were fielded by various parties. The Congress has the highest number of seven Muslim MPs, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) has five, and the SP has four. The Indian Union Muslim League has three MPs — T Mohammad Bashir from Malappuram, M P Abdurasmad Samdani from Ponnani, Kerala and K Navasakani from Tamil Nadu's Ramanathapuram.

### BJD forms panel to examine cause of election defeat

**BHUBANESWAR:** The BJD on Wednesday decided to form a committee to examine the cause of its defeat in the state elections, a party leader said. BJD's Kendrapara MLA Ganeswar Behera said the decision was taken at the meeting chaired by party president Naveen Patnaik with the newly elected legislators. "The party has decided to form a committee which will submit its report to the president," he said. "All have to wait for the report of the committee on the cause of the defeat," he added.

The BJP stormed to power in Odisha on Tuesday by securing 78 of the 147 assembly seats, bringing an end to the Naveen Patnaik-led BJD government that ruled the state for 24 years.

{ FROM 2014-2024 }

## 282, 303, 240: Charting shift in BJP's tally

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**NEW DELHI:** In 2014, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won 282 of India's 543 Lok Sabha seats, the first straight majority for any party since 1984. It improved this tally to 303 seats in 2019, but has won 240 seats in 2024, when the majority mark is 272. How has this shift happened? An HT analysis shows that the while popular support for the party is not that different from that in 2014 or 2019, its ability to convert them to seats has decreased in these elections. To be sure, there are indeed pockets where the party also lost popular support, but this does not reflect in national-level statistics because the BJP gained vote share in states where it has traditionally been weak. However, these vote share gains were not enough to compensate for the loss of seats in strong states.

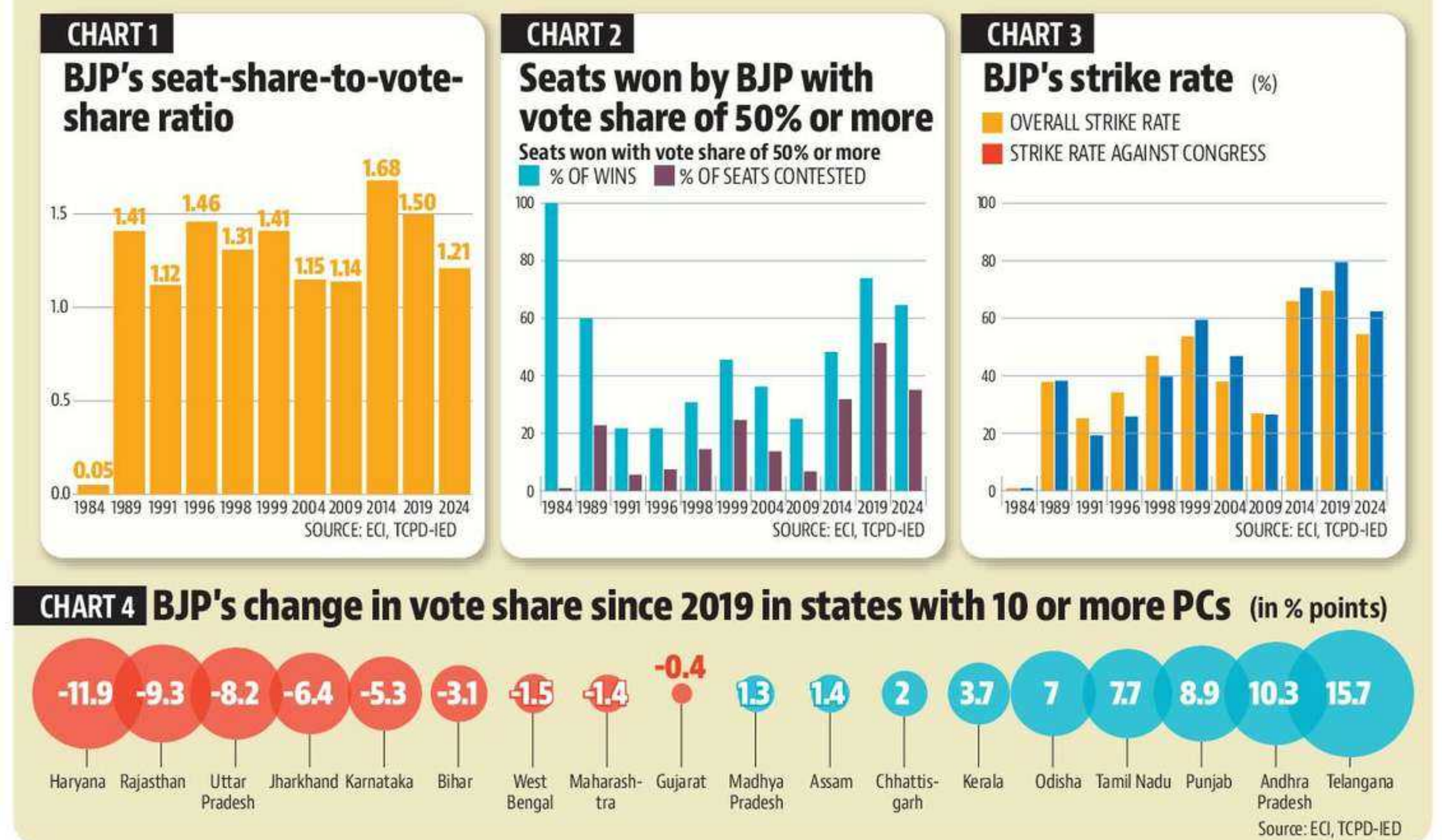
Here are four charts that explain this change:

**BJP's ability to convert votes to seats decreased**  
BJP's vote share in 2014 and 2019 was 31% and 37.3%. In 2024, this number is 36.6%. This shows that popular support for the party has not decreased since 2014.

To be sure, the party contested 441 seats in 2024, compared to 428 in 2014 and 436 in 2019. A comparable measure of the party's popular support may be its vote share in the seats it has contested. This number does not show a very different trend. However, the party's ability to convert votes to seats has decreased below the level seen in both 2014 and 2019. Its seat share to vote share ratio has decreased from 1.68 in 2014 and 1.50 in 2019 to 1.21 in 2024.

This is closer to the figure seen in 2004 and 2009, when this number was 1.15 and 1.14. (See Chart 1)

## Understanding the loss in seat numbers



**The number of seats with 50% or more vote share decreased below 2019 levels**

If a party wins more than 50% vote share in a PC, it can be said to be invincible in that PC in Indian elections. This is because no amount of counter-consolidation can defeat the party in that PC.

The proportion of such PCs where BJP won 50% vote share was very high in 2014 and 2019. 48% of BJP wins in 2014 came with a 50% vote share. This increased to 74% in 2019.

In 2024, these numbers have decreased compared to the 2019 elections, although they are still somewhat better than in 2014. (See Chart 2)

**Strike rate down against both Congress and other parties**

One of the big reasons for BJP's success in 2014 and 2019 was its high strike rate, which was even higher against Congress. Strike rate against Congress here is taken as strike rate in states where the Congress finished first or second. Compared to BJP's overall strike rate of 65.9% and 69.5% in 2014 and 2019, its strike rate against the Congress was 70.6% and 79.5%. In 2024, BJP's strike rate overall and against Congress decreased by roughly same degree. BJP's strike rate overall and against Congress is now 0.78 and 0.79 times that in 2019. To be sure, BJP still has a better strike rate against Congress than other parties. (See Chart 3)

**Loss in popular support in states BJP swept earlier, and gains where they are not enough to win seats**

This is the reason why BJP's strike rate and seat share to vote share ratio has decreased compared to 2019 although its overall vote share is similar to 2019. Among 18 big states (states with 10 or more Lok Sabha seats), BJP won vote shares of at least 50% in eight in 2019: Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Karnataka. Therefore, BJP swept or nearly swept all these states. In five of these states — all but Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh — the party has lost vote share by five percentage points

or more this time. This has resulted in a loss of seats in all the five states. Despite loss of vote share in these five states, the party has not lost vote share at the national level because it increased vote share by more than five percentage points in Punjab, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana. However, in three of these states — Tamil Nadu, Punjab, and Andhra Pradesh — the party's vote share is still under 20%. While the BJP's alliance with Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has nearly swept Andhra Pradesh, the party's own seat share is limited because of the alliance. Therefore, the vote share gain in all three states has not compensated for the loss of seats in the other states. (See Chart 4)

{ **BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA** } CONGRESS LEADER

## 'Haryana voters have rejected BJP's divisive politics'

**ROHTAK:** After the Congress won five out of the 10 Lok Sabha constituencies in Haryana, the leader of the Opposition in Haryana assembly and former chief minister, Bhupinder Singh Hooda, spoke to **Sunil Rahar** in an interview about how the poll outcome proves that the "voters have rejected the BJP's divisive politics", and expressed confidence in his party forming the government in the state in the assembly elections later this year. Edited excerpts:

**How do you look at Congress's performance in Haryana in the Lok Sabha polls**

I am happy that we have secured victory on five parliamentary constituencies, this time as compared to duck in the 2019 general elections. Our candidates have performed well on all 10 seats, while the BJP's tally has reduced to five seats from 10 in the last elections...

**What are the issues that went in your favour and where do you think you lacked?**

This time, the voters of Haryana have rejected the BJP's divisive politics on the name of caste and religion. The people from all the 36 biradari (communities) have voted for the Congress to strengthen their brotherhood, and have voted against hate. The BJP has made Haryana number one in unem-



reduced by over 12% as compared to the last general polls and the Congress's vote percentage has increased from last election's 28.5% to 47.61% (including AAP's 3.94% on Kurukshetra seat)...

**What would be the impact of Lok Sabha results in Haryana polls, which are due later this year?**

The people have made their mind to elect the Congress party and out the non-performing BJP government from Haryana in the October assembly polls. We will register a thumping victory in the assembly polls and bring the state back on the developmental path. During the BJP regime, only corruption took place. There were no new investments, and no developmental projects.

**Now, the BJP has support of 43 MLAs in the 88-member House.**

The BJP has no moral right to run the government in Haryana as it has been reduced to a minority. The opposition camp has more numbers and we had already approached the governor seeking dissolution to assembly and implement presidential rule in the state...

**Despite facing 10 years of anti-incumbency, the BJP has managed to win 5 seats and more vote percentage than the Congress.**

The BJP leaders were claiming to win 400 seats across the country and 10 seats in Haryana, but they lost 50% seats — five to Congress in Haryana... Their (the BJP's) vote percentage has



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## PARTIES ON OUTCOME

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**PINARAYI VIJAYAN,**  
Kerala chief minister

The Muslim community... is not able to understand the BSP despite being given proper representation... the party will give them a chance in the elections after a lot of thought...

**MAYAWATI,**  
BSP chief



The public has given its mandate, and what truly matters is that we all aspire for the welfare of all the Indigenous people of the state... will continue to work with elected representatives towards the growth and development of all sections in state.

**N BIREN SINGH,**  
Manipur CM



# Modi 3.0: Six decades later, PM on the verge of scripting history

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**NEW DELHI:** Narendra Modi appears set to be sworn in as India's Prime Minister for the third consecutive term on Saturday, a feat achieved by only Jawaharlal Nehru before him in 1962, and despite his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) not securing a majority on its own—the larger National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is comfortably over the halfway mark, though—in elections to the 18th Lok Sabha, BJP leaders termed the feat “historic”.

“Securing the mandate is historic as the PM himself pointed out that a third term for the same party has not happened in the last six decades. This is a vote for Viksit Bharat, it is a vote against the divisive and appeasement politics of the Opposition and it presents a challenge to the BJP to find ways and means to effectively deal with forces that want to fragment the society and emulate the British policy of divide and rule,” said Vinay Sahasrabudhe, senior party leader and former chairman of ICCR.

Even internationally, few leaders and governments have served beyond a decade, other leaders said, attributing the BJP-led NDA's mandate to Modi's governance model and one that seeks the continuity of a decisive government focussed on social welfare, economic reforms, and ensuring India a seat at the global high table.

A day after the BJP, which won the 2014 and 2019 general elections with a thumping majority on its own, saw its tally shrink to 240 from the previous 303, the mood in the party was sombre, but not despondent. Several senior functionaries who spoke on condition of anonymity said the party fell short of its own high expectations but did not consider the results as a rejection of its ideology or Modi's administration.

“The setback that we faced was on account of the opposition being able to orchestrate a fake narrative that we failed to check in time. Rumours about scrapping reservations and changing the Constitution created fear. Our assurance that none of this was part of the BJP's agenda was perhaps too little too late,” said a senior party leader, who is also in charge of two states.

The leader also blamed the dip in numbers to anti-incum-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi flashes the victory sign as he arrives at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) headquarters to celebrate the party's win in general elections, on Tuesday.

bency against local candidates or anger over issues “that were hyper local”.

“The BJP did not face the anti-incumbency that is expected after being in power for 10 years. The reason was the delivery and performance of the government, its record of social welfare, and catering to the aspirations of the young demographic,” the leader said.

A second leader said the BJP's emergence as the single largest party nationally — it has more seats than the entire opposition put together — and its victory in the Odisha assembly polls, and growing presence in the south are an endorsement of brand Modi.

He listed Modi's achievements. “People have judged him for delivery of promises whether it was fulfilling the ideological commitments such as the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir or passage of the Women's Reservation's Bill,” added this person.

To be sure, Modi was the front and centre of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The blueprint of the party's campaign, the threads of the narrative, the strategy to counter the opposition's coalition were all designed

around an edifice that was built with him at the nucleus. The party's election pitch was “Modi Ki Guarantee”.

Brand Modi was the engine that pulled the BJP's election wagon and was built around the party's development agenda, its welfare schemes, focus on groups such as women and young people, and an unwavering commitment to Hindutva.

Party leaders also maintained that the commentariat's assertion that a diminished strength in the Lok Sabha would force the Modi government to dilute its ideology or go slow on transformational reforms is a flawed assumption.

“In the last two terms the BJP did not have pressure from the allies, but there were occasions when international pressure was mounted on the government to reconsider some decision. Our internal matters such as the passage of the Citizenship Amendment Bill, the abrogation of Article 370 and our bilateral ties with Russia were all questioned, but the PM did not yield and we continued to pursue policies that we thought were in the nation's interest,” said the first leader quoted above.

Leaders asserted that the per-

ception that running a coalition government will prove hard for the PM is way off the mark. With reduced numbers the BJP is expected to face obstacles in the passage of contentious bills such as the uniform civil code and the plan to implement the one nation, one election scheme.

“There will be challenges as allies have a different view of certain issues, for instance Chandrababu Naidu supported the idea of reservation for Muslims and the Janata Dal United was the instigator for a caste-based census that gave the opposition a trigger to converge against the BJP. But Modi is an able administrator, he knows the art of when to give in and when to draw the line...there will be no compromise,” said a third party leader, referring to N Chandrababu Naidu of the Telugu Desam and the Janata Dal United headed by Nitish Kumar, the numbers of both are required to help the BJP cross the majority mark.

The third leader said the PM's address to party workers on Tuesday, after the results were declared, was unambiguous about his intentions.

“He made it clear that the war against corruption will not stop...he has already indicated

that sarkar kamzor nahi hogi (the government will not be weak) and he will ensure that as he wants to leave a legacy, which will not be that of a weak leader.”

Analysts pointed out that Modi has a strong sense of history and likely sees the third term as being the one that will propel him to the status of India's tallest political leader since independence.

Modi has repeatedly spoken about making India's economy the third largest in the world during his third term and making India a developed nation by 2047. His journey and the nation's towards those goals, begins Saturday.

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{ KISHORI LAL SHARMA } CONGRESS LEADER

## ‘People of Amethi gave me much more than I asked for’

**NEW DELHI:** Congress leader Kishori Lal Sharma (62), who defeated Bharatiya Janata Party leader and two-time MP Smriti Irani by a margin of 167,196 votes from the Amethi Lok Sabha constituency in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday, spoke to Vrinda Tulian about reclaiming a seat that was once his party's stronghold, overcoming the apprehensions about his candidature and the plans ahead. Edited excerpts:

**How do you feel about winning against a Union minister and a two-time MP?**

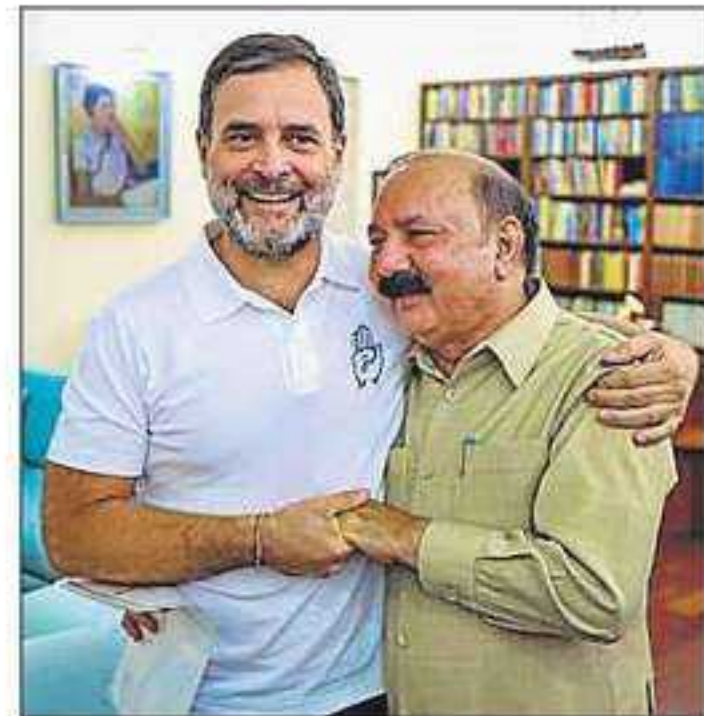
The public of Amethi have already given an answer to her [Smriti Irani] and she is smart enough to understand it. I can go on for hours about the pathetic condition she has left my dear Amethi, and its people, in. For example, the funds allocated to village heads and chairmen for development works never reached them. In Parliament, she once accused (former PM) Jawaharlal Nehru, and the successive Congress governments, of not fulfilling the promise of constructing a railway line [in Amethi]. However, after being in power for 10 years, she now says that a railway line is “not feasible”... She and her beloved [Prime Minister Narendra] Modi ji talk about the Congress manifesto, but what about their manifesto — they have not delivered anything.

**When you were fielded from Amethi, a lot of people said that the Congress has set you up for failure. And now, you have won by a margin of 170,000 votes.**

This is not my win, it's of the people of Amethi. I never thought that this was going to be a tough battle for me because I could see the hunger to win among party workers. Since the day my nomination was finalised, I've had zero doubts...I knew I would win and my party would win. But of course I did not think about such a landslide margin. The people of Amethi have given me much more than I asked for...

**How has your journey been with the Congress over the last four decades?**

I have been with the Congress for 41 years. I was in the Youth Congress when I met Rajiv Gandhi in 1983, and started working for Amethi in 1987. Politics has,



Congress MP Rahul Gandhi with Kishori Lal Sharma, in Delhi on Wednesday.

however, undergone a dramatic transformation since then. Earlier, people were loyal to a party... For me, party is like a mother.

**What is your plan ahead?**

We had two different plans, depending on the poll outcome. For now, I want to be with the people of Amethi, and take their suggestions for the future.

**How was your meeting with the Congress leadership after the victory?**

Sonia ji told me that I should not let the win and the position get to my head, like the people of other parties. I promised her that I will not. Then Rahul ji advised me to speak up and perform well in Parliament, while Priyanka ji asked me to ensure I visit my constituency frequently.

**Which seat do you think Rahul Gandhi would choose to represent — Rae Bareilly or Wayanad?**

I am happy with whatever he chooses. I think it should be Rae Bareilly since it has been his mother's bastion, and before that it was led by Indira Gandhi and Feroze Gandhi... but I feel that is a decision for the family. Even with Amethi, if they ask me to give it up in the future I would do it happily because it is a Gandhi constituency.

**PM Modi did not mention Rahul Gandhi in the UP poll outcome yesterday.**

Elections should be based on work, not religious issues... Perhaps the poll outcome would have been different in the state had they focused on development work. But they kept changing their stance — from Ram's name, to Muslim League. But people are not fools.

## Court nod needed for elected jailed MPs to attend House

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**NEW DELHI:** Former Jammu & Kashmir MLA Sheikh Abdul Rashid and radical Sikh preacher Amritpal Singh, both of whom are in prison and won the Lok Sabha elections as independent candidates, will have to approach court to attend Parliament for the swearing-in ceremony or sessions, prison officials and legal experts said on Wednesday.

The two leaders, who were arrested in separate cases, will be escorted under heavy security to Parliament and will also face certain restrictions, such as limited use of mobile phones once they leave the prison, they added.

Rashid, an engineer, was arrested in 2019 in a case filed under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and is currently lodged in Tihar jail in the national capital. He contested as an independent from Baramulla seat in J&K and won by a margin of 204,142 votes.

Singh was arrested on April 23 last year under provisions of the National Security Act (NSA) following a police crackdown on his organisation, Waris Punjab De. He won the general elections from Khador Sahib seat in Punjab by 197,120 votes.

While section 62 (5) of the Representation of the People Act bars a lawfully imprisoned person (if he is confined in a prison, whether under a sentence of imprisonment or transportation or otherwise, or is in the lawful custody of the police) from voting, a 2013 amendment in the statute provides that the person, even if barred from voting, shall not cease to be an elector if his or her name has been entered in the electoral rolls. The amendment was carried out to nullify a July 10, 2023, Supreme Court



Amritpal Singh and Sheikh Abdul Rashid



judgment that anybody in police custody or jail will not be able to contest elections because the person ceases the right to cast vote as an “elector”. The amended provision, however, allowed even an imprisoned person to contest.

A Tihar jail official, who did not wish to be identified, said: “There will be restrictions on use of cell phones or meeting any person while on the way to Parliament besides meeting Parliamentary officials or other lawmakers. Officers of the rank of assistant commissioner of police (ACP) and an inspector will be escorting Singh and Rashid. Normally, prison officials inform the cops and provide a photocopy of the court order, which allows the imprisoned people to come out for a short time but with restrictions.”

Advocate Sunil Gupta, who served as a law officer in Tihar for more than three decades, explained the process the two independent MPs will have to go through to attend Parliament. “First, the speaker will send an invitation for the oath-taking ceremony to the prison superintendent. Since the two newly-elected lawmakers are in judicial custody, they must approach the court for permission. The court will then give the clearance along with the safety measures that police must take while escorting

them to and back from the House,” he said.

“In the late 80s or early 90s, I remember a case when a person lodged in a Punjab prison had won the state elections. He, too, was booked on terrorism charges and had to be escorted to the assembly under heavy security,” he added.

Former Lok Sabha secretary general PDT Acharya said Rashid and Singh will be escorted under heavy security only till the Parliament gates. “At the gates, the accused will be handed over to the Parliament security officials, who will then take them to the House,” he said.

“Once inside, they can also address the House. But they will have to approach court each time they need to attend Parliament, either for the swearing-in ceremony or to attend sessions,” he added.

Human rights lawyer Navkiran Singh said Singh does not have counsel since he voluntarily refused to challenge the case against him under NSA. We had gone to meet him but he refused to challenge the case. Most likely, he will seek the court's permission to attend Parliament.” Rashid's son, Abrar, said: “We are yet to check the protocol. We will follow all rules in the Constitution. The people have elected my father. He will represent them in Parliament.”

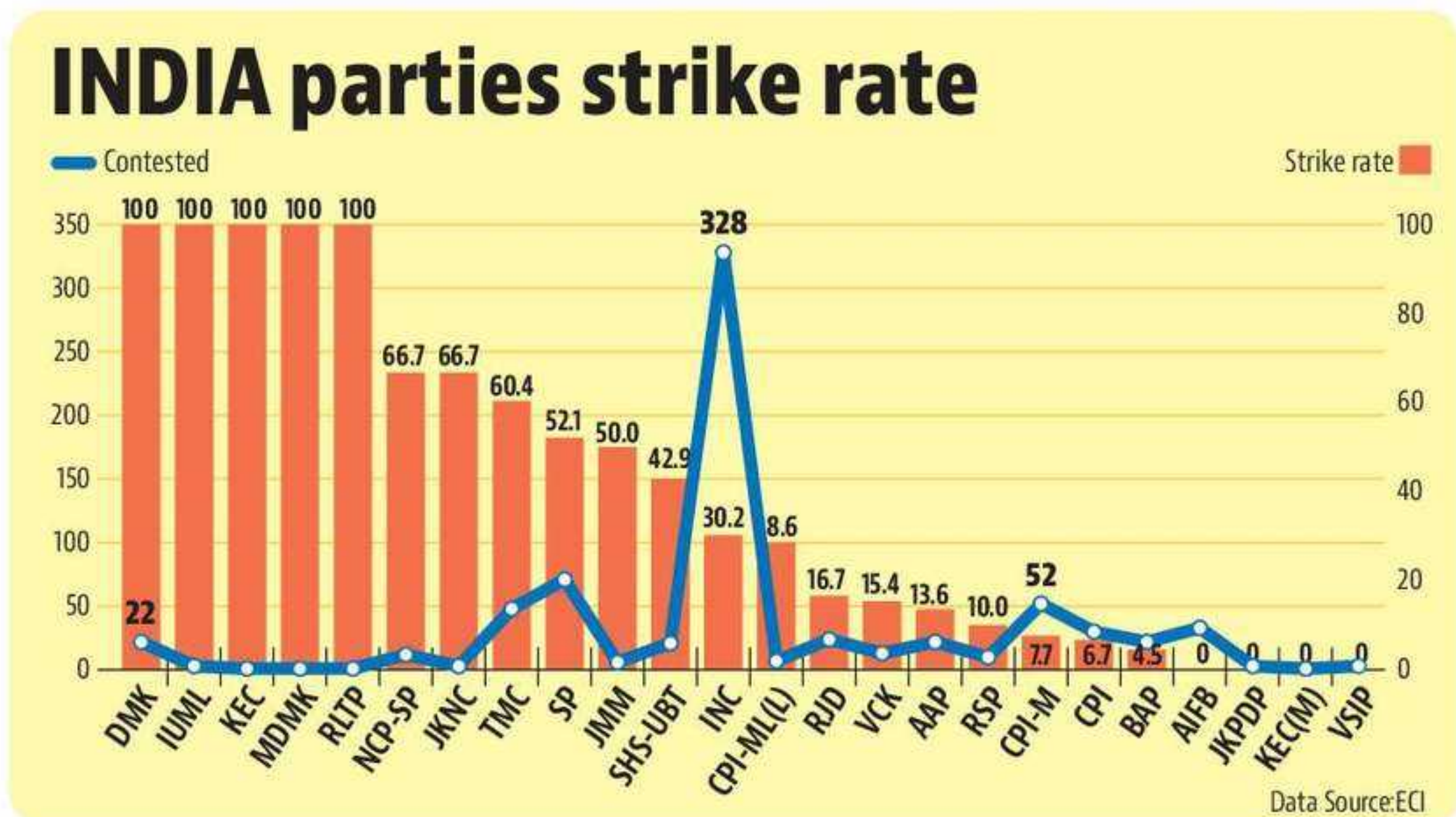
## How INDIA bloc constituents fared in LS polls

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**NEW DELHI:** The Indian National Development Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) fielded 737 candidates for India's 543 parliamentary constituencies (PCs) in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. They won 234 PCs, although two other winners who contested as independents — Pappu Yadav in Purnia, Bihar and Vishal Prakashbapu Patil in Sangli, Maharashtra — can also be considered as part of INDIA. Before the announcement of results, 24 parties were part of the INDIA bloc. The member parties of the alliance failed to reach a seat-sharing arrangement mainly in the states of West Bengal, Kerala, and Punjab. However, smaller parties in the alliance also fielded candidates in addition to a formal agreed one in other states. INDIA had intra-alliance conflicts on 178 PCs in all though West Bengal, Kerala, and Punjab together have just 75 PCs.

Who was the most successful in the INDIA alliance? Out of the 24 parties in the alliance, 20 were able to secure at least one seat in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

The Congress won the largest number at 99. The Samajwadi Party (SP), the All India Trinamool Congress (TMC), and the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) were the next biggest contributors to the alliance, winning 37, 29, and 22 parliamentary constituencies (PCs) respectively. The other 16 successful parties in the alliance secured seats in single digits. The total tally of these



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16 parties was 47. To be sure, absolute number of wins may not be a completely accurate representation of the success rate of different parties in the alliance. This is because some member parties of the INDIA alliance entered into a seat-sharing pact, decreasing their potential seat tally. Strike rate — the share of contested seats won by a party — can show

which party maximised their success within the alliance. Among member parties that contested at least 10 PCs, the DMK had the highest success rate: 100%. The party won all the 22 PCs it contested. The next highest strike rates in the alliance were of the Nationalist Congress Party-Sharadchandra Pawar (NCP-SP) and the TMC. The NCP-SP won 66.7% (8) of

the 12 seats it contested, and the TMC was successful in 60.4% (29) of the 48 PCs it fielded candidates in.

The Samajwadi Party was the only other constituent in the alliance with a strike rate of more than 50%, winning 37 of the 71 PCs it contested. To be sure, in Uttar Pradesh, the party's only regional stronghold, the SP had a strike rate of 59.7%. It contested 62 PCs in the state, and all its 37 wins came from the state. The Congress, which contested the most number of seats in the alliance (328), had a strike rate of 30.2% for its tally of 99.

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## Wayanad or Rae Bareilly? Suspense over Rahul's pick continues



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi won the Rae Bareilly seat by a margin of 390,030 votes.

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**LUCKNOW:** A day after he secured landslide victories in both Rae Bareilly and Wayanad Lok Sabha constituencies by over 300,000 votes, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is yet to answer the key question — which seat will he forego?

As suspense over Gandhi's decision — much like the announcement of his candidature — continued to grow on Wednesday, local leaders have started making emotional appeals to the Congress leader to

retain his family's stronghold. Gandhi won the Rae Bareilly Lok Sabha seat by a margin of 390,030 votes while his margin of victory in Wayanad was 364,422.

The Rae Bareilly Lok Sabha constituency has been held by the Congress since 1999 and was won by Sonia Gandhi in 2019. There was intense speculation about the seat since Sonia Gandhi moved to the Rajya Sabha earlier this year.

Rae Bareilly is the only Lok Sabha constituency the Congress won in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections in UP.

Asked about on Tuesday, Gandhi had said: “I have won from both the seats and I want to wholeheartedly thank the voters of Rae Bareilly and Wayanad. Now I have to decide which seat I will stay on, will discuss and then decide. Can't hold on to both the seats, but I haven't decided yet.”

State Congress committee president Ajai Rai, however, said the local cadre will “request Rahul ji to retain Rae Bareilly”.

Another Congress leader, Aradhana Mishra (Mon), said: “People of both the Lok Sabha constituencies have ensured Rahul Gandhi's

election to Lok Sabha by a big margin. So, the choice of one seat will be difficult for him.”

Rae Bareilly district Congress Committee chief Pankaj Tiwari said: “We want Rahul Gandhiji to retain the Rae Bareilly Lok Sabha seat. However, if he decides to retain Wayanad, we will request the Congress high command to field a Gandhi family member. As no other leader will be acceptable here as a candidate, the choice must be Priyanka Gandhi.”

The leaders, however, refused to comment on which seat Gandhi could pick to represent.





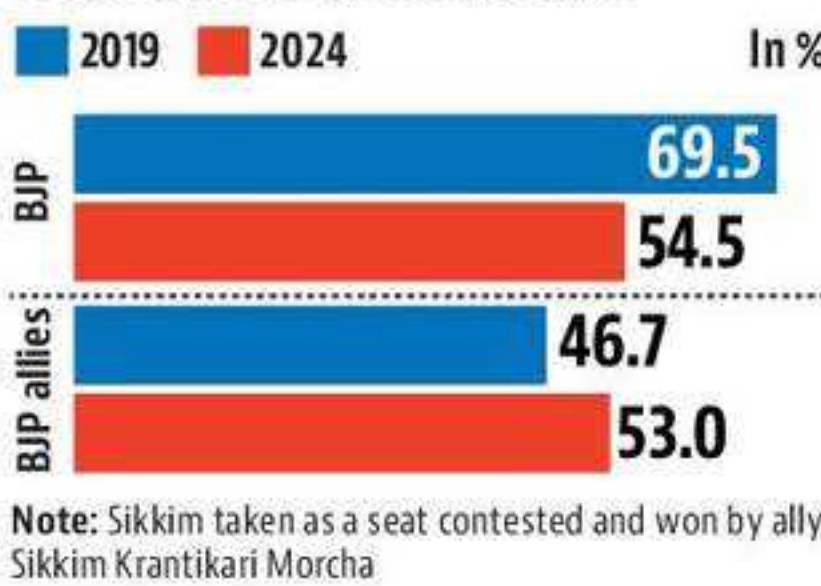
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5 charts to summarise the results of 2024 LS elections

The 2024 results are drastically different from what the exit polls had predicted. To be sure, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) still has a majority in the Lok Sabha. What is the larger story of these elections? Here are five charts that summarise it.

By Abhishek Jha and Roshan Kishore

Strike rate in Lok Sabha elections



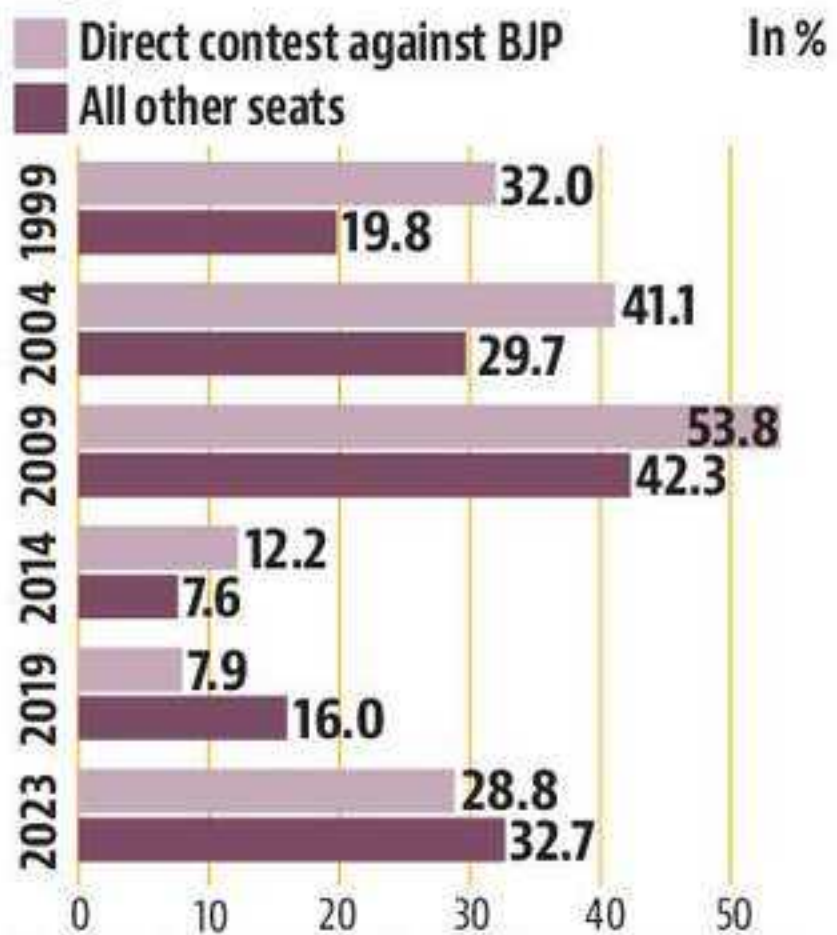
Note: Sikkim taken as a seat contested and won by ally Sikkim Krantikari Morcha

Source: ECI, TCPD-IED

BJP is down compared to 2019 but NDA allies are up

This is the biggest factor that will affect the dynamic of the new NDA government. While the BJP has lost 63 seats compared to its 2019 tally of 303, other NDA allies have increased their tally from 49 in 2019 to 53 (this includes the seat won by Sikkim Krantikari Morcha in Sikkim, which BJP also contested but lost) in 2024. This means that the balance of power within the government will shift discernibly in favour of the allies rather than the centralized government which the BJP ran in 2014 and 2019. To be sure, the BJP will still have 58 seats more than what it had when it ran the 1999 Atal Bihari Vajpayee government when the NDA had a largely similar tally of 299.

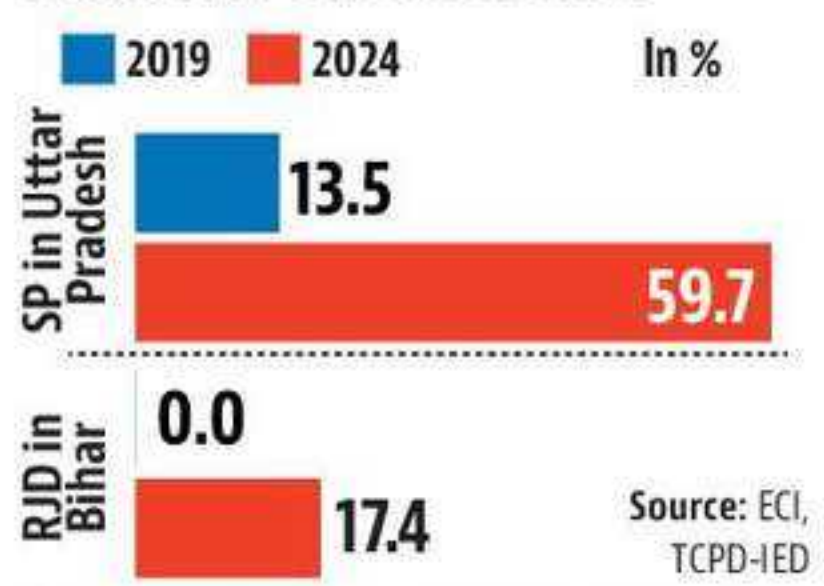
Cong strike rate against BJP & others



Cong has regained some of its mojo, but more against others

The biggest reason for BJP's back-to-back majorities in 2014 and 2019 was its complete dominance in head-to-head battles against the Congress. Congress's strike rate in direct contests against the BJP was 12.2% and 7.9% in 2014 and 2019. This number increased to 28.8% in 2024. To be sure, this is still smaller than what it was in 1999, 2004 and 2009. Where the Congress performed much better is in seats where it was not in head-to-head with the BJP. Its strike rate is 32.7% in 2024, the second highest it has ever been since 1999 after the 2009 polls.

Strike rate in Lok Sabha elections

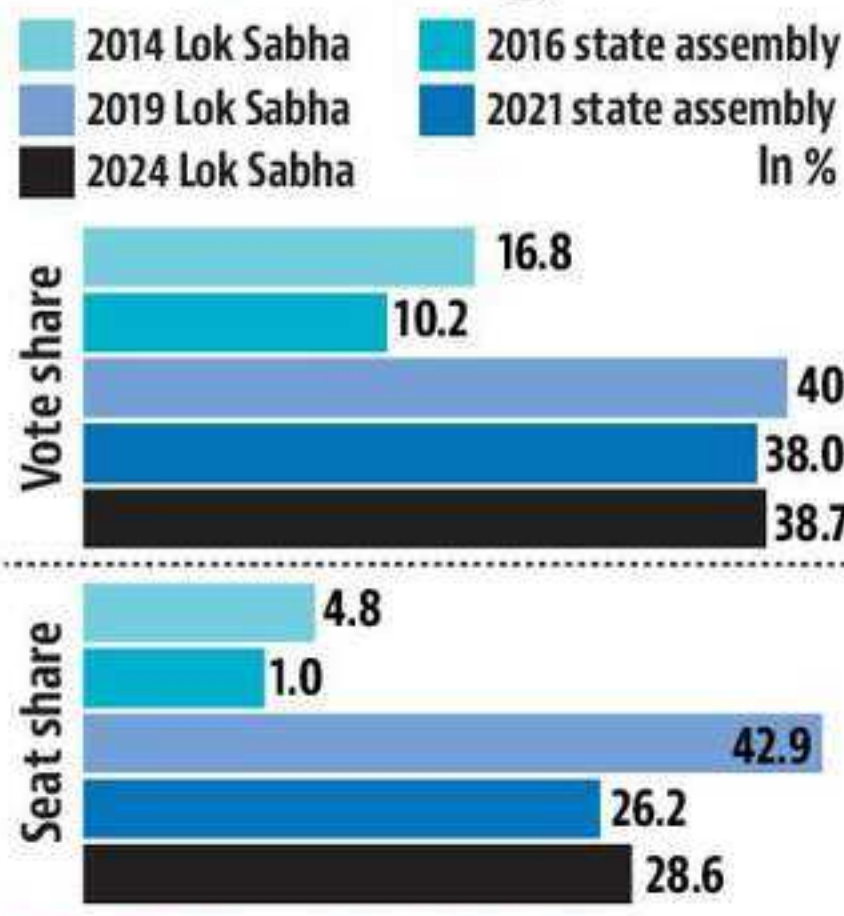


Source: ECI, TCPD-IED

Two styles of mandal politics

Had the BJP been able to repeat its 2019 tally of 62 in UP it would have been able to cross the half-way mark of 272 in the Lok Sabha. However, it is four seats behind the SP. BJP's predicament against the SP is very different from its performance in Bihar where both the BJP and the NDA have been able to minimise their losses. What explains the difference in the performance of the INDIA bloc in UP and Bihar? An HT analysis of the caste break-up of the INDIA bloc shows that the SP-led alliance had a more representative caste equation than the RJD-led alliance in Bihar. This has allowed the SP to take its strike rate close to 60% in UP compared to just 17.4% for the RJD in Bihar. This has a lesson for the future of Mandal politics against the BJP. It must be more broad-based than the 1990s style Muslim Yadav combination.

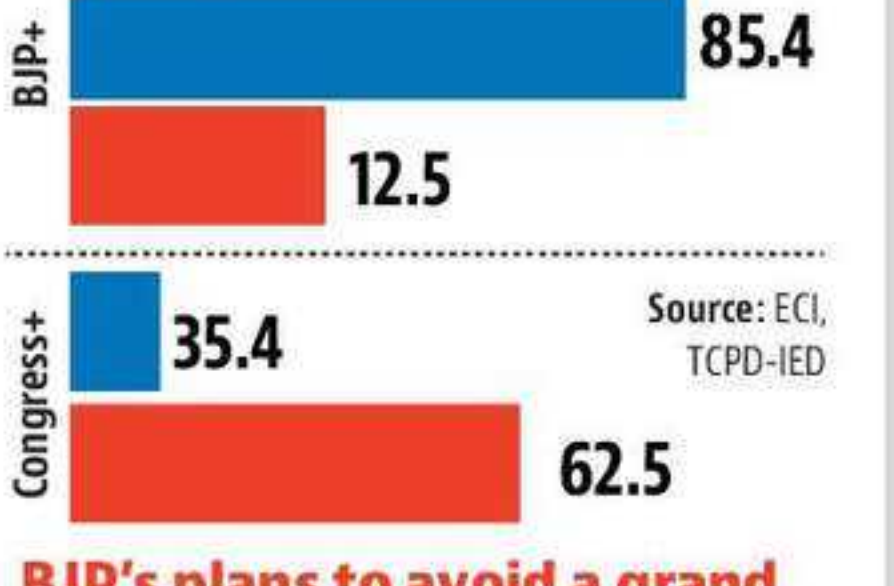
BJP performance in West Bengal



The BJP peaked in West Bengal in 2019

West Bengal is India's third largest state and sends 42 MPs to the Lok Sabha. The BJP gained 16 seats from its 2014 tally of just two in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections in the state. However, it had to face a decline in both its vote share and seat share in the 2021 assembly elections despite a great hype. The BJP's seat share and vote share in 2024 elections is almost the same as its 2021 performance. This suggests that the BJP has not been able to find the extra ballast to convert its 2019 performance into a victory in West Bengal.

Seat share in Maha



Source: ECI, TCPD-IED

BJP's plans to avoid a grand alliance against it in Maha only worked to an extent

When the Shiv Sena walked out of the NDA to form a govt after the 2019 assembly polls in Maharashtra, the BJP was faced with an existential threat in the state. An HT analysis of the 2014 assembly vote shares, when all four major parties, namely the BJP, Congress, Shiv Sena and the NCP, contested separately in Maharashtra, shows that the BJP would have suffered a loss in more than three-fourth of the state's assembly seats. BJP tried to deal with this by engineering a split within the Shiv Sena and the NCP. The 2024 results show that they have only worked to an extent. NDA managed to win 17 out of the 48 PCs in the state, which is a fall from its 2019 tally of 41, but still a better performance than what could have been the case had the Shiv Sena and the NCP been united and fought along with the Cong.

'Will continue to work together': World leaders congratulate Modi

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**NEW DELHI:** US President Joe Biden, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, French President Emmanuel Macron and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy were among world leaders who congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday on securing a third term and expressed their intention to work with him on global issues.

Modi, who was chosen head of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), also received congratulatory messages from UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni, Singapore Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, Taiwan President Lai Ching-te, Iran's interim President Mohammad Mokher and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. On Tuesday, he received similar messages from leaders of neighbouring countries such as Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Mauritius, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is set to form a coalition government after failing to secure a majority in the Lok Sabha and analysts expect the new administration to broadly continue with its existing foreign policy approach. While the dragging military standoff with China on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) will remain the new government's main strategic challenge, it is expected to continue bolstering its relationship with the US and European states.

Biden congratulated Modi and the NDA, as well as the nearly 650 million voters in this "historic election". In a post on X, Biden said: "The friendship between our nations is only growing as we unlock a shared future of unlimited potential."

In a post on X, Modi said that he



(From left) US President Joe Biden, Russian President Vladimir Putin, French President Emmanuel Macron, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

spoke to Biden on phone.

Happy to receive call from my friend President @JoeBiden "Deeply value his warm words of felicitations and his appreciation for the Indian democracy..." he said.

Secretary of state Antony Blinken, in a separate post on X, said the US looks forward to "advancing our partnership with the Indian government and commends the estimated 650 million voters who exercised their right to vote".

Putin congratulated Modi during a phone conversation and said Modi's success in the election "reflects the support of the political course pursued by the Indian leadership" and was also a recognition of socio-economic development of the country and "strengthening of its international authority", according to a Russian readout. Modi said in a post on X that both leaders "underlined our shared commitment to further strengthen [the] India-Russia Special & Privileged Strategic Partnership".

Sunak too spoke to Modi on phone to congratulate him and the leaders "reflected on the strength of the UK-India relationship" and agreed this will continue to grow, a Downing Street spokesperson said. The leaders agreed to stay in touch and looked forward to seeing each other at the G7 Summit in Italy next week.

Kishida, in his message, expressed his wish that Modi would "exercise leadership for India's further development" and said he would like to closely work with his Indian counterpart to realise a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific".

Zelenskyy welcomed the successful holding of the world's largest democratic elections in India and congratulated Modi and the BJP-led NDA on its third consecutive victory. "Everyone in the world recognizes the significance and weight of India's role in global affairs. It is critical that we all work together to ensure a just peace for all nations. In this regard, we also look forward to seeing India attend the Peace Summit," he said, referring to a conference to be hosted by Switzerland in mid-June.

In his response on X, Modi was non-committal about participating in the peace summit but said: "India will continue to support peace, security and prosperity for everyone in the region."

Congratulating Modi, Macron posted: "India has concluded the world's largest elections! Congratulations @NarendraModi my dear friend. Together we will continue strengthening the strategic partnership that unites India and France." Modi said thanked Macron and said that he looks forward to working with him to "realise our Horizon 2047 vision for the

benefit of our people and the world".

Meloni, one of the first top world leaders to congratulate Modi on Wednesday, said she was certain the two sides will continue to work together to strengthen the friendship that unites Italy and India and consolidate cooperation on various issues.

Till late on Wednesday, there was no message from China's top leadership, though Chinese ambassador Xu Feihong congratulated Modi and the BJP-led NDA on its victory in a post on X. "Look forward to making joint efforts with the Indian side for a sound and stable China-India relationship, which is in line with the interests and expectations of both countries, the region and the world," Xu said.

In Beijing, foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning extended congratulations on the BJP's victory and told a regular media briefing that a "healthy and stable China-India relationship" is in the interest of both countries and conducive to peace and development in the region.

Modi also spoke on the phone on Wednesday with Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe, Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth, Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal, the Bhutan king and Netherlands Prime Minister Mark Rutte.

LEADERS FROM NEIGHBOURING NATIONS LIKELY TO ATTEND NDA GOVT SWEARING IN

**NEW DELHI:** The leaders of at least five neighbouring countries – Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal and Mauritius – are expected to participate in the swearing-in of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 8, people familiar with the matter said on Wednesday.

Formal announcements from the Bangladeshi and Sri Lankan side confirmed that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and President Ranil Wickremesinghe had been invited by Modi to the inauguration during phone conversations on Wednesday.

The people cited above said on condition of anonymity that the leaders of Bhutan, Mauritius and Nepal are also expected to attend the inauguration. Modi had phone conversations with leaders of these countries on Wednesday.

The invitation to the inauguration was conveyed during these phone conversations and formal letters are expected to be despatched on Thursday, people in New Delhi and the capitals of some of the countries said. There were several reasons for inviting the leaders of neighbouring countries to the inauguration, including logistical considerations and the Modi government's emphasis on its "Neighbourhood First" policy, the people said. "The leaders of neighbouring countries with which India has very close relations will accept such invitations. Besides, it sends a signal about New Delhi's intention to keep the focus on the neighbourhood," one of the people cited above said. HT

No seats but BJP betters its vote share in Punjab

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**CHANDIGARH:** Contesting the Lok Sabha polls in Punjab on its own for the first time since 1996, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) may have no seats in the state but its vote share has shot up 18.56%, a full 5 percentage points higher than that of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), which won one seat, 8.9 percentage points more than in 2019, and almost 12 percentage points more than it achieved in the 2022 assembly polls. Back in the 2009 Lok Sabha polls, the party won 10.06 % of the votes and won one seat in partnership with the SAD.

To be sure, the growth in BJP's vote share in the state in 2024 compared to past elections must be read with the fact that it contested all 13 seats in the state for the first time in any Lok Sabha election. It contested just three seats from 1998 to 2019. The most number of seats the BJP had contested in Lok Sabha elections in Punjab before 2019 was nine and six seats in the 1991-92 and 1996 Lok Sabha elections. However, the results do show a growing footprint of the party, and that the party might have edged past the SAD, the leading partner in the SAD-BJP alliance while it lasted.

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the 13 seats. In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls when the BJP won two seats of Gurdaspur and Hoshiarpur, its vote share was 9.63%. The fight in Punjab was four-cornered this time between the Congress, AAP, the BJP, and the SAD.

BJP candidates came second in Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Gurdaspur and third in Amritsar, Patiala, Ferozepur, Fatehgarh Sahib, Hoshiarpur, and Anandpur Sahib. On all these seats, the saffron party received more votes than the SAD.

By assembly constituencies, the party's performance was even better, with it winning 23 and coming second in six.

An analysis on the basis of the available data shows that in its

traditional strongholds in urban areas, the BJP won many segments but it lost badly in the rural areas where it has been facing protests from the farming community, especially Sikh voters.

For instance, Ludhiana BJP candidate Ravneet Singh Bittu, was defeated by Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring. Bittu won all five segments falling in Ludhiana City areas but he lost by 20,942 votes because the BJP candidate came in fourth in three segments dominated by rural voters mainly Sikhs. From the Dakha assembly constituency, Bittu received a mere 7072 votes whereas Warring did 40,276.

Number of women MPs elected to the LS drops

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**NEW DELHI:** The 18th Lok Sabha, elections for which concluded with the announcement of results on Tuesday, will have 74 women Members of Parliament (MP), marking a slight dip from 2019 when 78 women MPs were elected to the Lower House of the Parliament, data shows.

Women constitute 13.6% members of the new Lok Sabha in 2024, according to Election Commission of India's (ECI) data, as against 14.3% of all members in the 17th Lok Sabha elected in 2019.

Overall, a total of 797 women contested the 2024 general elections that were held in seven phases from April 19 to June 1. The results for the elections were announced on Tuesday.

This was the first general election to be held since the introduction of the Women's Reservation Bill, 2023 in the Lok Sabha. The bill, which is yet to come into effect, aims to reserve one-third of the seats in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies for women.

To be sure, before the slight dip in the 2024 elections, the number of women MPs in the Lower House was seeing a slow, but

steady, uptick. The representation of women MPs was 62 (constituting 11.4% of the total strength of the House) in 16th Lok Sabha which was elected in 2014, 58 (10.7%) in the 15th Lok Sabha that was elected in 2009, while 45 (8.3%) women were elected in the 2004 elections, and 49 (9%) in the 1991 elections.

As per ECI's data, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) fielded 69 women candidates, of which 30 or 43.4% won. In 2019, the BJP fielded 56 women candidates, of which 41 or 73.2% won. In case of the Congress, out of the 41 women candidates, 13, won in the 2024 elections. In 2019, only six of its 52 women candidates fielded by the Congress were elected. The Trinamool Congress (TMC) played an important role in maintaining the decent representation of women in the Lok Sabha with 11 of its women candidates winning in 2024 against nine in 2019. The TMC had fielded 12 women in the 2024 polls.

Four winning women candidates are from SP, three from Dravida Munnetra DMK, two each from Janata Dal (United) and Lok Janshakti Party (LJP). Besides, one candidate each has won from Telugu Desam Party, NCP (SP), YSRCP, and RJD among others.

Dinner for outgoing council of ministers



President Droupadi Murmu hosted a dinner on Wednesday for the PM Narendra Modi-led council of ministers at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi. "President Droupadi Murmu hosted a dinner for the outgoing Union Council of Ministers, led by Prime Minister @narendramodi, at Rashtrapati Bhavan," the President's office said in a post on X. The event was also attended by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

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After 24 years, Patnaik set for a new stint in Opppn benches

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**Bhubaneswar** For 24 years and 92 days, Naveen Patnaik served as Odisha's chief minister. When he first took oath on March 5, 2000, he was 53 years old, still visibly uncomfortable with the rigours of regional politics, and forced to take the reins of both the state and a party – the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) – that were part of his father's political legacy. By the time he handed in his resignation on Thursday, Patnaik had spent close to two-and-a-half decades at the helm, the second longest tenure as chief minister in Indian history. In this period, he became synonymous with Odisha, but saw his political empire crumble before his eyes on June 4, losing both the assembly and the general elections to a point where he was left without a single member of Parliament.

Patnaik, who had spent most of his time until then outside Odisha, and indeed India, took over the reins of a faction of the BJD in 1997, eight months after the death of his father and two-time chief minister Biju Patnaik. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) allied with the regional satrap, and in 1998, Patnaik fought the Lok Sabha elections for the first time from the Aska constituency and won. Such was the heft of both the party and the family that he was immediately made Union steel minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee cabinet.

By 2000, he had become Odisha's chief minister, and despite visible discomfiture with the regional language and relative inexperience, found ways to navigate a state that was plagued by deprivation, and prone to natural disasters such as cyclones. "For Odias, Naveen's image was at odds with a typical politician who was always in-your-face. With no family (he never married) and no political baggage, Patnaik soon endeared himself to the state. He was reticent, but



In 2014, even in the middle of a Modi wave, BJD chief Naveen Patnaik bucked the nationwide trend to win a record 117 of the 147 seats in the assembly polls.

shrewd and caught his opponents off guard," said SP Dash, a former political science professor at Sambalpur University.

He was soft-spoken in public, but had a keen political mind. In 2000, he engineered the exit of Bijoy Mohapatra, his strongest rival, from the BJD and in 2004, when the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government was unseated, he sensed a wave of support for the alliance in his state, and advanced the assembly elections to coincide with the general elections, winning handsomely. In 2009 though, Patnaik left the National Democratic Alliance, accusing the BJP of instigating

communal violence in Kandhamal.

In 2014, even in the middle of a Modi wave, he bucked the nationwide trend to win a record 117 of the 147 seats in the assembly polls, and 20 of the 21 seats in the Lok Sabha. In 2019, he led BJD to another victory – winning 112 seats in the assembly, and 12 of the 21 seats in the Lok Sabha.

Political analyst Rabi Das said Patnaik earned his support over 24 years through a web of social welfare programmes he unveiled across his terms. Women were at the core of this, with more than six million women now involved in 700,000

self-help groups (SHG). "Women voters were the biggest assets of Naveen Patnaik in any election. Over the last decade-and-a-half, he managed to create a vote bank for him and his party through women SHG groups," said Das.

But in his last term, it became clear that Patnaik's age was catching up with him, and senior BJD leaders admitted that he failed to counter the political challenges in front of him. Over the past decade, the BJP positioned itself as the principal opposition in the state, and with a Congress that was virtually non-existent, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity rose within the state.

"Modi was seen as a strong leader, while Patnaik was visibly weakening, even physically. The people of Odisha respect him, and with him ageing, Patnaik made a mis-step in handing over control to VK Pandian, a bureaucrat-turned-politician originally from Tamil Nadu. Unhappy at this, people turned to Modi," one BJP leader said.

The BJP caught on to the lack of a succession plan within the BJD, and created a campaign around Pandian's Tamil roots, calling it a slur on Odia pride. Patnaik attempted damage control, giving interviews in the final days of the campaign that he was in the pink of health and that Pandian was not necessarily his successor.

But the campaign against the BJP was also encumbered by mixed signals, a BJD leader said, pointing to weeks of conjecture that the two principal parties in the state were close to an alliance in the run-up to the polls. "The cadre was angry even at the suggestion, and among people, there was little effort by the BJD to position the BJP as the Opposition. In any case, it seemed that the two parties worked together, such as in Parliament, or backing rail minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's Rajya Sabha candidature. Over the last few days, we tried

to paint the BJP as a threat to Odisha, but it clearly wasn't enough," the leader said.

On Tuesday, Patnaik faced complete defeat – his BJD losing power in the assembly, winning only 51 of the state's 147 assembly seats. He fought in two separate constituencies, and while he won in Hinjili, he lost to BJP's Laxman Bag in Kantabanji, the first electoral loss in his career. Even worse, the BJD didn't win a single Lok Sabha seat, the first time in 27 years it will not have a member in the Lower House, with the BJP winning 20 of the 21 seats, and the Congress one.

A senior BJD legislator, who won on Tuesday, said it was a clear mistake to let Pandian take centre stage in the party and be its most visible face, not only because it lent itself to the attack on Odia "asmita" or pride, but because it made it seem that Patnaik was not in control, angering other leaders and the cadre, and raising questions around the chief minister's health. "If Naveen babu had taken charge and announced early in the campaign that Pandian would not be his successor, we would have won the assembly elections," he said.

Other senior leaders, however, said that despite the setback, the BJD would still be synonymous with Patnaik, and with no other immediate replacements for the party leadership, he still remains firmly in charge. "He will be elected as leader of the legislature party. He will remain in Odisha and continue to head the party," said Manas Mangaraj, senior BJD leader and Rajya Sabha MP.

After meeting with newly-elected party MLAs, Patnaik said: "We have worked hard to reduce poverty from 70% to 10%. Our efforts in agriculture, irrigation and women empowerment have led to this achievement."

The future though, both for Patnaik and the BJD, for the first time in 24 years, is in the Opposition.

{ ANDHRA POLL DEBACLE }

Poor infra, debts: How Jagan lost grip on state

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**HYDERABAD:** "I am shocked. I fail to understand what had happened to the love and affection showered by 53 lakh mothers who had received ₹15,000 per year each under the Amma Vodi scheme, one crore self-help group women who received financial assistance under the Cheyutha scheme, 66 lakh old age people who were given enhanced pension at their doorsteps. Why haven't they voted for our party?"

This was the first reaction of YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) president and Andhra Pradesh chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy before the media as his party's tally took a nosedive from 151 out of 175 assembly seats in 2019 to just 11 seats in the 2024 state elections.

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP), which contested the assembly polls in an alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Jana Sena Party, won 135 seats. While the BJP won eight, the Jana Sena Party won 21.

There is little doubt that Jagan implemented a robust welfare agenda – part of his "Nava Ratnalu" (nine jewels), making nine major promises to the people before the 2019 elections. He ensured that money was credited directly into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries of various schemes at the click of a button.

According to official figures, ₹25.4,894 crore was credited into the accounts of beneficiaries of as many as 29 DBT schemes between June 2019 to January 2024. Besides, ₹10,873 crore was spent on various non-DBT schemes, which include loans, scholarships and house sites.

But, at the same time, Jagan



YS Jagan Mohan Reddy

appeared to neglect the rest of the state administration. His overemphasis on DBT schemes, and his lack of effort in upgrading basic infrastructure facilities, ensuring industrial development, and providing employment-generation programmes, and inability to stem inflation, led to disenchantment among the people over the last five years, according to leaders, analysts, and people on the ground. His targeting of Naidu, who was arrested on September 9 in connection with a ₹371 crore skill development corporation scam, was the final nail.

Senior journalist and political analyst K V SAILENDRA said anti-incumbency had built up at the grassroots level silently in the last three years due to various reasons. "The people saw indiscriminate exploitation of natural resources like sand and minerals, besides encroachment of lands by YSRCP leaders. In the name of distribution of house sites for the poor, the government acquired precious lands of the farmers," he said.

While Jagan indulged in heavy borrowing – a statement made by the chief minister during the budget session in February said the total debt outstanding increased from ₹4,12,288 crore in 2019 to ₹7,03,000 crore till date – from all available sources to fund the welfare schemes, he did not pay heed

to infrastructure promises such as the pending Polavaram irrigation project on the Godavari for seven lakh hectares of farmland.

In his quest to create three capital cities for the state – executive capital at Visakhapatnam, judicial capital at Kurnool and legislative capital at Amaravati – he is also criticised for abandoning Amaravati, leading to unrest among the locals. The farmers, who gave away 34,000 acres of land for the Amaravati capital, are fighting a battle in the Supreme Court against the creation of the capitals.

All this, when coupled with delayed salaries for state government workers, ignoring their demand to bring back the old pension scheme, and the implementation of pay revision commission recommendations on their wage revisions, made the rank and file of the state machinery go against him. According to poll data, it appears that government employees and teachers showed their discontent by voting against the YSRCP through postal ballots.

Naidu's arrest by CID in September at Nandyal for his alleged involvement in a purported scam in the Andhra Pradesh Skill Development Corporation during the TDP rule from 2014 to 2019 helped him garner sympathy and brought his party and Jana Sena Party, led by Pawan Kalyan, together.

"Since Kapus were also keen on pulling down the Jagan government, they set aside the rivalry and joined hands with Kammas for the first time in the last six decades," said veteran journalist from Vijayawada, Kollu Anka Babu, adding that the Kamma-Kapu combination dealt a severe blow to the YSRCP. Jagan, 51, out of power and options, now faces an uncertain future.

{ YUSUF PATHAN } WON POLLS FROM BAHARAMPUR

'It was a big challenge to fight against Adhir'

**NEW DELHI:** Cricketer-turned-politician Yusuf Pathan, who beat Congress's Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury from Baharampur in West Bengal as a TMC candidate, speaks to **Sanjeev Karan Samyal** on his decision to fight the polls. Edited excerpts:

**Being an MP is a huge responsibility. How was the decision taken?**

I never thought of entering politics. (Chief minister) Mamata Banerjee and (TMC general secretary) Abhishek Banerjee's representative came to talk to me... After winning, I feel very nice.

**What was the challenge?**

It was a big challenge (to compete against) Chowdhury. He is a senior leader. I respect him, but the local people supported me well. The people



wanted a change here so that someone could work for them.

**Your connection with Kolkata...**

People love sports here and wherever I have come here, I have been well received. They have treated me as family. *Mera family bana hai Baharampur mein.*

**Any advice from your father?** He told me that I have to work for the people and keep doing it.

{ KIRTI AZAD } WON POLLS FROM BARDHAMAN-DURGAPUR

'Vajpayee knew how to take Oppn along... now, no room for criticism'

**NEW DELHI:** The BJP does not have a vision and the Lok Sabha election results are only "the beginning of the end" of the party, cricketer-turned-politician Kirti Azad, who won the polls from Bardhaman-Durgapur seat in West Bengal on a TMC ticket, tells **Prawesh Lama** in an interview. Edited excerpts:

**What helped the TMC do well in Bengal?**

The people in Bengal saw the empty promises that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP leaders made (earlier). PM Modi, in his speeches, did not make any mention of

what he has done. He could not control rising prices or unemployment. Look at didi's (chief minister Mamata Banerjee) work here. From the time a child is born to a person's last journey,



she does all the work...

**What helped INDIA bloc achieve so many seats?**

The BJP today does not have a vision. They do not know how to rule. Their agenda has only been Hindu-Muslim and the people have not liked this...

**You were earlier with the BJP. What difference do you see in the current regime?**

When I was with Atal Bihari Vajpayee, it was a different party altogether. He knew how to take

the Opposition along. He would, of course, question them in Parliament but would never... talk about *mangalsutras*, *jihadis*. Muslims and non-vegetarian food. Everyone had an opportunity to voice their opinion. Now, you have cases of 150 MPs being suspended because they are raising their voice. There is no room for criticism. It is like the days of Hitler.

**What is the future of the INDIA bloc?**

The INDIA bloc will do better. This is the beginning of the end of the BJP. It has already started.

**What is the future of the BJP in Bengal?**

The BJP has no chance in Bengal. The people were taken by the party's false promises in the last elections. If we have to save the Constitution, we will have to build a stronger Opposition.

Dalit leader who won first Parl poll, stunned BJP in Ayodhya

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**AYODHYA:** One of the major upsets for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the just-concluded Lok Sabha elections came in Uttar Pradesh's Faizabad constituency, in which the temple city of Ayodhya falls, with Samajwadi Party (SP) veteran Awadhesh Prasad wrestling the seat from the ruling party.

Prasad, a nine-time legislator, defeated two-time BJP lawmaker Lallu Singh by a margin of 54,567 votes on Tuesday. A prominent Dalit leader, the 78-year-old was fielded from this non-reserved seat as part of the Akhilesh Yadav-led party's new caste calculus, something that has been largely credited for the SP's stellar performance in the general elections, winning 37 of the 80 Lok Sabha seats in the state.

One of the founding members of the SP and an old associate of party patriarch late Mulayam Singh Yadav, Prasad has also



Awadhesh Prasad

served as a minister in Uttar Pradesh on multiple occasions. Having contested 13 assembly polls, nine of which he won, this is Prasad's first success in the parliamentary polls.

"The mandate from the land of Lord Ram is being accepted wholeheartedly... It is misfortune of Lallu Singh and not of Ayodhya as the prestige of Ayodhya is not confined to any person," BJP spokesperson Rajnish Singh said.

The poll loss in Ayodhya comes in the backdrop of setbacks to the ruling BJP across the state – it won just 33 seats this time compared to the 62 in

2019 and 71 in 2014. It has come as a big blow to the BJP, whose top party leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, brought up the Ram Mandir inauguration ceremony in their campaign speeches, attacking the Opposition leaders, especially INDIA bloc partners SP and Congress, for not attending it. The BJP alleged that the Opposition missed the event due to their "appeasement politics".

"The result of the elections in Ayodhya proved that no one can bring Lord Ram, it is Ram who brings everyone," Vivek Agrawal, a local businessman said, referring to the BJP's high-decibel poll campaign centred around the construction of the grand Ram Temple in the city.

"The BJP focussed only on the development of Ayodhya town and not the remote and rural areas of the constituency. Above all, the government failed to pay proper compensation to people whose houses were demolished for widening Ayodhya's roads," Agrawal added.

Azad emerges as new Dalit face through win in Uttar Pradesh seat

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**MEERUT:** Azad Samaj Party (Kanshi) leader Chandrashekhar Azad's victory in the Lok Sabha elections as an independent candidate from Nagina constituency in Uttar Pradesh has brought forth another Dalit leader from Bijnor, which has been home to several icons from the community.

Azad defeated his nearest rival, the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Om Kumar, by a margin of 151,473 votes. The 39-year-old decided to fight as an independent from this seat after he was denied a ticket by the Samajwadi Party.

Vikas Harit, in-charge of Bhim Army's – formed by Azad – Meerut division, said: "The SP's refusal to field Azad became a blessing in disguise, as registering a thumping victory on his own helped him emerge as a potential Dalit leader."



Chandrashekhar Azad

The SP candidate, Manoj Kumar, lost by a margin of 410,178 votes.

Harit also said that the emergence of a new Dalit leadership in Bijnor appears ready to fill the void in Dalit politics, created by the decline of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in the northern state.

"Chandrashekhar will be a strong voice for Dalits in Parliament. The Dalits have already started inclining towards him," former BSP former coordinator Prashant Gautam said.

Chandrashekhar is a resident of Chutmalpur town in Saharanpur district.

26-year-old Dalit Cong leader one of the youngest lawmakers

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**NEW DELHI:** Congress candidate Sanjana Jatav is set to be one of the youngest Members of Parliament (MPs) in the 18th Lok Sabha after her victory in the Bharatpur constituency of Rajasthan on Tuesday.

The 26-year-old secured 579,890 votes, defeating Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s Ramswaroop Koli by a margin of 51,983 votes.

A member of the Dalit community, Jatav earlier fought the 2023 assembly elections but lost to BJP's Ramesh Khedi by just 409 votes.

In her affidavit submitted to the Election Commission, Jatav declared total assets worth ₹23 lakh and liabilities amounting to ₹7 lakh.

She completed her graduation from Maharaja Surajmal Brij University in 2019, and is married to Rajasthan police constable Kaptaan Singh. The couple has two children.



Congress leader Ashok Gehlot with Sanjana Jatav, who won the Bharatpur Lok Sabha seat.

ASHOK GEHLOT/X

A video of Jatav dancing with party workers to a Rajasthani folk song to celebrate her victory went viral on Tuesday.

"I would like to thank all the senior leaders – Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, Ashok Gehlot, and Sachin Pilot – for giving me the opportunity. I also thank the people of Bharatpur for their immense support," she told news agency ANI.

The Congress logged its best performance in Rajasthan since

the 2009 Lok Sabha polls, winning eight of the desert state's 25 seats, riding a wave of discontent among the farming community in the eastern and western parts of the state.

The state helped the opposition INDIA bloc make significant gains, with the CPI(M) and the Rashtriya Loktantrik Party both securing one seat each. The Congress-backed candidate of the Bharat Adivasi Party also secured a seat.



# 9 trekkers die in Uttarakhand, IAF personnel rescue 13 others

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**DEHRADUN:** Nine members of a 22-member trekking team died after they lost their way due to bad weather during the Sahastra Tal trek in the upper Himalayas in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand, officials said on Wednesday, adding the remaining 13 trekkers have been rescued.

A joint air-ground operation was launched by the Indian Air Force, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and local authorities, officials said. Of the 13 trekkers rescued from the trek on Uttarkashi-Tehri border, eight were airlifted to Dehradun on Wednesday.

"Nine people have been killed, while 13 have been successfully rescued. We have brought 5 bodies down, remaining 4 will be retrieved tomorrow as we had to suspend the rescue operation due to bad weather today," said a senior SDRF official, not wishing to be named.

A 22-member trekking team, including 18 trekkers from Karnataka and one from Maharashtra besides three local guides, was sent by Himalayan View Trekking Agency, Maneri, on May 29 on a 35-km long trek to



Rescue team brings back trekkers to Dehradun.

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Silla-Kushkalyan-Sahastra Tal, a medium-sized high-altitude lake located at an altitude of around 4,600 metres, from Uttarkashi.

The team was scheduled to return by June 7, but lost its way due to bad weather while trekking down from Sahastra Tal towards the base camp, said Uttarkashi district disaster

management officer (DDMO) Devendra Patwal. After receiving the information, Uttarkashi district magistrate Meharban Singh Bisht asked the SDRF headquarters to dispatch rescue teams immediately and asked local rescue teams to reach the site. Bisht also asked the helicopter operations through the Indian Air Force to rescue the

stranded trekkers.

On Wednesday, two Chetak helicopters of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and a private chopper were deployed to rescue the stranded trekkers on the trek route. The SDRF also dispatched its high altitude two teams -- one each from Dehradun and Uttarkashi.

"The 22-member trekking

group, including three guides was expected to leave for the Sahastra Tal on May 29, two of them stayed back at the base camp due to bad health. Twenty of them reached the summit. While trekking down, the group met with the bad weather and lost their way," said SDRF Commandant Manikant Mishra.

While 13 members, including the two from the base camp, were rescued, five others were found dead, the official added.

"We along with other rescue teams rescued 11 trekkers using the choppers. Of the 11 trekkers, eight were sent to Dehradun in a chopper and three were brought to Bhatwari. Two more were on their back to Silla village under the guidance of local guides," Mishra added.

The deceased trekkers have been identified as Sindhu Vakekalam (45), Asha Sudhakar (71), Sujata Mungurwadi (51), Vinayak Mungurwadi (54), Chitra Praneeth (48), Padmanabha Kundapur Krishnamurthy (50), Venkatesha Prasad KN (53), Anita Rangappa (60) and Padmini Hegde (34), all residents of Bengaluru in Karnataka, officials said.

The office of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami shared on X that he was in regular touch with senior officials for the rescue operation.

## { PUNE PORSCHE CASE }

# Juvenile's remand extended till June 12

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**PUNE:** A special court in Pune with the additional charge of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), on Wednesday extended till June 12 the observation home remand of the teenager allegedly involved in the Porsche crash case in which two young software engineers were killed.

Due to the transfer of a member of JJB, the juvenile's extension of remand application was submitted in special court of JM Chouhan on Wednesday.

His stay in the observation home was to end on June 5 when prosecution sought his remand for 15 more days. The police had sought his custody in the juvenile observation home and had also appealed that he be tried as an adult.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Sunil Tambe told the court that police have to submit a report to prove the minor as an adult within a month, for which they need more time to collect evidence. "Already a Child in Conflict With Law (CCL) spent 14 days in correction home and now we are seeking 14 more days in order to collect evidence to compile report on his adulthood," Tambe said.

According to Tambe, his parents and grandfather were either in police custody or in magistrate custody. If he is released from observation home, it may impact his mental state.

"On the first day after his release on bail, we have noticed incidents of tampering of evidence and consequently three cases have been filed separately. His release may impact our ongoing investigation," Tambe said.

Opposing the demand for

## Mother's blood samples used as replacement, cops tell court

**PUNE:** A forensic laboratory report shows that the blood samples of the mother were swapped with those of her 17-year-old son involved in the Porsche crash that claimed two lives in Pune, police informed a court on Wednesday.

The teenager's mother was arrested on June 1 for allegedly swapping the blood samples following the statements of other accused and circumstantial and technical evidence. Her blood samples were sent for DNA sampling to the FSL, and its report, received on Wednesday, confirmed that

her blood samples had been sent to the FSL after the accident on May 19, the police told the court.

"We need police custody of both mother and father as these two accused hatched a conspiracy to destroy the evidence," assistant commissioner of police Sunil Tambe, the investigating officer, told the court.

Defence lawyer Prashant Patil opposed further police custody, saying that the teen's father was in police custody since May 21 and there was no need for further remand. **PTI**

extension of correction home remand, defence lawyer Prashant Patil said that there is no such provision of extension of remand of a Child in Conflict With Law in Juvenile Justice Act.

"Hence he has to be released immediately. The Child in Conflict With Law has his own home and we have already provided details of his parents along with address so he should be released immediately," Patil argued.

A teenager was detained by Pune city police after his over-speeding car rammed into a motorcycle which claimed the lives of two IT professionals on May 19.

The police claimed the juvenile was under the influence of alcohol but he was released on bail on the condition that he would have to write an essay of 300 words on road safety. How-

ever due to public uproar, the JJB sent him to correction home for 14 days on May 22.

Meanwhile, the sessions court extended the police custody of the teen's parents till June 10.

Two doctors and an employee of the Sassoon General Hospital were arrested last month for allegedly replacing the teen's blood samples to show that he was not drunk at the time of the incident. It is alleged that one of the doctors was in touch with the teen's father. The court also extended the custody of the doctors and the hospital employee till June 7.

The teen's mother was arrested on the conspiracy charges on June 1. Police on Wednesday produced the parents of the minor, the two doctors and the hospital employee before the court after their police custody over.

## NIA files charge sheet in Karni chief murder, names gangster Brar

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**NEW DELHI:** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday filed a charge sheet against Canada-based gangster and designated terrorist Satwinder Singh alias Goldy Brar, and several others, in connection with the murder of Shri Rashtriya Rajput Karni Sena chief Sukhdev Gogamedi in Rajasthan in December last year.

Gogamedi, who headed the breakaway faction of Sri Rajput Karni Sena, was shot dead in the living room of his Jaipur residence on December 5, in an incident that triggered widespread protests by the Rajput outfit's supporters in the western state.

"NIA on Wednesday filed its charge sheet against 12 accused, including foreign-based designated individual terrorist Goldy Brar and several prominent gangsters, involved in the shocking murder of Karni Sena chief Sukhdev Singh Gogamedi in Rajasthan in December 5, 2023," the federal agency said in a statement.

The probe, it said, revealed the role of terrorist-gangster syndicate behind the killing of Gogamedi. Two others -- Naveen Shekhawat and Ajeet Singh -- were killed on that day and Gogamedi's gunman, Narendra Singh, was injured.

NIA said it has arrested eight people in the conspiracy to kill Gogamedi while four others -- gangsters Mahendra Kumar, Ravataram Swami alias Rohit Godara, and Virendra Charan, as well as Goldy Brar -- are still



Goldy Brar.

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absconding.

The federal agency has charged 12 people from Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab, under various sections of Indian Penal Code, arms act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

"National Investigation Agency investigations have revealed that accused Rohit Godara was the mastermind who had hatched the murder conspiracy along with accused Virendra Charan, Goldy Brar and others. After the murder, Godara and Brar accepted the responsibility of the murder and used it to threaten and extort money from other individuals," NIA said in the statement.

Two assailants -- Rohit Rathore and Nitin Fouji -- had received pistols along with several rounds and magazines for carrying out the attack.

Brar, a close aide of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, is also wanted for organising a hit on Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala on May 29, 2022 and then claiming responsibility for the same. He was declared as a "terrorist" under the UAPA by the ministry of home affairs (MHA) in January this year.

## Forest fires continue to rage in Hills

JAMMU AND KASHMIR



HIMACHAL PRADESH



Smoke billows out after a massive fire broke out in the forest of Nowshera, in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri (Top); in Himachal Pradesh's Shimla on Wednesday.

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## NIA files charge sheet against Maoist cadre for 'conspiracy' to kill security forces

**NEW DELHI:** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday filed a charge sheet against a Maoist cadre in a case relating to a conspiracy to damage and block a road in Chhattisgarh with the intent to kill police personnel and loot their arms. The accused, Lakhma Ram alias Lakhma Korram, has been charged under relevant sections of the IPC, Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Chhattisgarh Special Public Security Act, 2005.

## J&K: Probe ordered into man's death in police custody

**SRINAGAR:** Authorities on Wednesday ordered a magisterial probe into the death of a youth in police custody earlier this week in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The magisterial probe was ordered under Section 176 CrPC following the death of Imtiyaz Ahmad Pala in police custody on Monday night, the officials cited above said. While police have not commented on the circumstances leading to Pala's death, the family of the deceased alleged that he died due to torture in custody. A postmortem was done on the body on Tuesday and it was handed over to the family for last rites.

## CBI takes up probe into Valmiki corp scam case in K'taka

**BENGALURU:** The CBI has taken up the probe into the multi-crore illegal money transfer case involving Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd, state home minister G Parameshwara said on Wednesday. The Cabinet will take a call on handing over to the CBI investigation covering the state government departments linked to the case, once it gets a formal request from the central agency, he said. Mumbai-headquartered Union Bank of India last week filed a formal complaint with CBI over embezzlement of public money of the state-run Corporation involving its MG Road branch.

## Improving institutional infrastructure key, suggests aviation body

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**NEW DELHI:** The new government will have to pick up the agenda to improve institutional infrastructure as the civil aviation industry will double up in size and scale in FY 2025, aviation body CAPA India said in its outlook for the financial year.

"...Fundamental to institutional infrastructure improvement will be strengthening the DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation), BCAS (Bureau of Civil Aviation Security), and augmenting airspace capacity...The agenda should be...developing the DGCA and BCAS to be at par with global institutions such as the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) in the UK and the TSA (Transportation Security Administration) in the US respectively," the aviation consultancy said on Wednesday.

There is a need to plan for airport infrastructure beyond the next five to seven years, which will be essential to avoid future bottlenecks, CAPA India's chief executive officer (CEO) Kapil Kaul said at its annual aviation summit.

## CAPA INDIA'S OUTLOOK SAID SUPPLY CHAIN CONSTRAINTS TOO WILL CONTINUE TO BE A CHALLENGE AND COULD DRAG INTO FY2026

"A new safety and security regulatory regime are a must and needs to be prioritised and capacity building is required at a policy-making level," he said.

He also said that, given the rate of growth of the industry, skill shortages could arise across the ecosystem, but particularly with respect to technical staff such as pilots and maintenance engineers/technicians.

"The shortages of pilots, AMEs (aircraft maintenance engineers), cabin crew, flight dispatchers and others is far more serious than currently estimated or visible," he said, adding that the introduction of the new flight duty time limitations (FDTL) guidelines that is likely to be implemented this year and poaching by Middle Eastern car-

riers is likely to accentuate the labour shortage issue. "We expect the requirement of pilots to go up by 12-14%," he added.

"We see capacity constraints to continue for at least another year. This is a key concern," Kaul said.

CAPA India's outlook stated that the supply chain constraints too will continue to be a challenge and could drag into FY2026.

"There are still some unknowns which could have a material impact on the Indian industry's growth and structure," the consultancy said.

CAPA estimates 130 aircraft to remain grounded in FY25. It also said that the privatisation of AIESL (Air India Engineering Services Ltd), needs to be fast-tracked to augment the in-country maintenance and engineering capacity.

Talking about the Navi Mumbai and Noida International airports, CAPA India said that the new dual airport systems in Mumbai and Delhi are expected to be operational in FY25, which will usher in a new dynamic for the industry with positive implications.

## IAF showcases woman power at US-led combat drills

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**NEW DELHI:** Six women officers of the Indian Air Force are part of a 250-member Indian contingent taking part in the Pacific Air Forces-led multinational exercise 'Red Flag-Alaska' currently underway in the US to provide realistic training to air crews in a simulated combat environment, officials aware of the matter said on Wednesday.

Squadron Leader Shivangi Singh, India's first woman Rafale pilot, is among them, the officials said, on condition of anonymity.

The remaining women officers are in roles associated with maintenance and support of the IAF contingent, which includes eight Rafale fighter planes, three C-17 Globemaster III heavy-lifters and two Il-78 refuellers -- a mix of French, US and Russian platforms.

The Red Flag exercise, which began on May 30 and will end on June 14, involves primary flight operations over the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) -- the US Department of Defence's premier training venue in Alaska) and aircraft based at Eielson Air Force Base and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.



India's deputy ambassador to the US, Sri Priya Ranganathan, (3rd from right) with IAF women officers taking part in exercise Red Flag-Alaska.

IAF PHOTO

Air crews from six global air forces, including the IAF, are using more than 77,000 square miles of airspace in JPARC, the world's largest combat training range. "The IAF contingent, including the women officers,

are getting valuable exposure to joint warfighting tactics. The IAF is providing its women officers equal opportunity with men," said one of the officials cited above.

In January 2023, Squadron

Leader Avani Chaturvedi, the IAF's first woman fighter pilot, became the first woman officer to take part in a joint international exercise, Veer Guardian -2023 in Japan.

A few months later, Squadron

Leader Shivangi Singh, hailing from Varanasi, took part in the multi-national exercise Orion held at the Mont-de-Marsan base in France in April-May 2023. The drills featured four IAF Rafales, two C-17s, two Il-78s and 165 air warriors. It was the first overseas exercise for the IAF's Rafale fighter planes.

IAF, the world's fourth largest air force, currently accounts for more than 20 women fighter pilots. It has opened all frontiers for women and is giving them opportunities on a par with their male counterparts.

On Monday, India's deputy ambassador to the US Sri Priya Ranganathan visited the Eielson Air Force Base and interacted with the IAF contingent. She was also briefed on the exercise by the base commander.

Red Flag-Alaska is designed to provide realistic training in a simulated combat environment enabling joint combined forces to exchange tactics, techniques and procedures while improving interoperability with fellow servicemembers, the Pacific Air Forces, headquartered in Hawaii, said in the run-up to the exercise.

Around 3,100 service members are flying, maintaining and supporting more than 100 aircraft taking part in the drills.



# IIT-D, IIT-B among top 150 universities in QS rankings

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**NEW DELHI:** The Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) Bombay and Delhi are among the top 150 universities in the world, according to the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Ranking 2025 that was released on Wednesday.

The ranking published by the London-based higher education analyst said that while IIT-Bombay climbed from 149 last year to 118, up by 31 ranks, IIT-Delhi improved its rank by 47 positions to 150.

Globally, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) retained the top rank for the 13th time.

A statement issued by the QS analysts said: "The Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (118th) stands out as the national leader. IIT Bombay's consistent improvements in research quality and reputation have driven its rise to prominence. Over the past six years, it has significantly advanced its

**DELHI UNIVERSITY STOOD OUT FOR EMPLOYABILITY OF GRADUATES AND WAS RANKED 44TH GLOBALLY IN "EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES"**

Employer Reputation ranking from 102nd to 63rd and improved its Citations per Faculty rank from 226th to 116th."

It added: "However, the institution's internationalisation metrics still require enhancement to fully realise its potential as a globally diverse institution. IIT Bombay also leads nationally in Academic Reputation, placing 131st in this key indicator."

According to the rankings, Delhi University stood out for the employability of its graduates and was ranked 44th globally in the category of "employment outcomes".

The statement said that

while 61% of Indian universities have risen in ranks, 24% have maintained their positions, 9% have dropped in rank, and three universities are new to the ranking. Thirty-seven Indian universities showed improved performance in Citations per Faculty, indicating a growing impact of research output.

With 46 ranked universities, India has the third-largest representation in Asia, trailing only Japan (49 universities) and China (Mainland; 71 universities).

However, the statement said, Indian universities lag behind in terms of internationalisation and global engagement.

"The country lags in the International Faculty Ratio and International Student Ratio indicators, underscoring the need for greater international collaboration and exchange. India's score for the proportion of international students is a mere 2.9, significantly below the global average of 26.5," it said.

QS chief executive Jessica Turner said India's implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) demonstrates the country's commitment to modernising its education system and addressing challenges and leveraging opportunities.

"Taking this significant step towards fostering a learning environment that prepares students for future challenges is crucial. Emphasising sustainability, global engagement, and employability will be vital in shaping India's higher education landscape. These elements will define future institutions and ensure their relevance and success," she said.

A statement issued by the QS analysts said the universities were ranked on parameters including Academic reputation, Employer reputation, Faculty Student Ratio, Citations per Faculty, International Faculty Ratio, International Student Ratio, International Research Network, Employment Outcomes and Sustainability.

## RAJ DOCTOR HELD FOR REMOVING WRONG KIDNEY OF PATIENT: COPS

**JAIPUR:** A doctor has been arrested for allegedly surgically removing the wrong kidney of a patient instead of the damaged one in Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan, last month, police said.

The victim, Eid Bano of Nua in Jhunjhunu filed a case against Dr Sanjay Dhankhar, police said, adding he was arrested while trying to flee from Gujarat.

"... A team of five doctors investigated it was proved that Dr Dhankhar was negligent in treatment... Following the surgery, the patient Eid Bano's health deteriorated and she was referred to another hospital," Jhunjhunu SP Rajarshi Raj Verma said.

Verma said that the case of medical negligence came to light when the doctors in Jaipur informed Eid Bano of the incident after examining her.

The SP said that an inquiry will also be launched to find out the missing kidney. "If the kidney has not been disposed of or preserved as per the bio-waste and organ rules, then more sections of the IPC will be added," said SP Verma. **ANI**

## NDA ENDORSES MODI

were announced on Tuesday evening, stopping well short of the majority mark of 272. The Opposition's Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) delivered an unexpectedly strong performance in three of India's biggest states – Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal – to restrict the BJP 130 below its stated pre-poll target of 370

But on Wednesday, the NDA seemed set to form the government for the third time despite the BJP's relatively weaker showing even as prospective partners jockeyed behind the scenes for plum Cabinet berths.

With the support of 16 TDP members, 12 Jana Sena members, 12 Janata Dal (United) members, seven Shiv Sena members and five Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) members, in addition to a number of smaller allies, the NDA has the requisite numbers to form the government.

Modi called upon President Droupadi Murmu to submit his resignation. The President asked him to continue till a new government assumes office, Rashtrapati Bhavan said in a communique.

In the NDA meeting, the PM told the leaders that a narrative attacking institutions and India's democracy should not be brooked, said people aware of developments. "He was cordial to the leaders and said the NDA will work together for the betterment of the people. He said there can be narratives targeting him personally but expressed dismay over attempts to run down the democratic functioning of institutions," said a person privy to the meeting.

Leaders of 14 parties signed the letter of support for the PM's swearing-in and a meeting of the NDA lawmakers will take place in the Central Hall of the old Parliament Building on Friday. The new Cabinet is expected to be sworn-in a day later at Rashtrapati Bhavan, said a person aware of the matter.

"We are all proud that the NDA fought the 2024 Lok Sabha polls unitedly under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and won. We, the leaders of the NDA, unanimously elect Narendra Modi as our leader," said a three-paragraph resolution in Hindi passed at the meeting.

The resolution said that the people saw the country being

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developed in every sector in the last 10 years due to the pro-people policies of the NDA government under Modi and underlined the government's commitment to serving the poor, women, youth, farmers and deprived sections of society.

Discussions at the meeting on Wednesday were cordial with members hailing the leadership of the PM and the NDA's victory in the Lok Sabha polls. Contentious issues of berth allocation and roles for the leaders were off the table, said a person aware of the matter.

"There was no discussion on the Cabinet formation, no negotiations. Nitish Kumar said since the election was long and spread over seven phases, the process of government formation should be expedited," said a member privy to the details.

TDP chief Naidu, who will be sworn in as the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh after scripting a spectacular comeback, hailed the PM's "leadership".

"He said the NDA members contested under his leadership and winning the election third time in a row is not an ordinary event...he said the swearing-in ceremony should be a grand affair," the person quoted above said, requesting anonymity.

A second person aware of the details said no decision was taken about the appointment of the NDA convener and whether there will be a common minimum agenda for the coalition.

"For now, there is a broad understanding that there should be a mechanism in place for members to discuss contentious issues. There are some issues on the BJP's agenda that some members may disagree with that will need wider discussions and such issues should not be discussed in the public eye, but an effort should be made to reach a consensus," said the second person, requesting anonymity.

The contentious issues being

referred to are likely the implementation of the uniform civil code that the BJP and its ideological mentor, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, support.

In his response to the Law Commission in 2017, Nitish Kumar had said that UCC, which proposes a common set of law for all communities and faiths, must be seen as a measure of reform for people's welfare, not as a "political instrument".

He said given the multicultural, multi-religious nature of Indian society, UCC should be put to debate in Parliament as well as legislative assemblies of states. At the time, he was in a coalition with the NDA.

Before joining the NDA, the TDP too had indicated that it will stand with the Muslims on the issue of UCC and not support any decision that will act against the interests of the community. Naidu also supported the idea of reservation for Muslims – an issue Modi railed against during the general elections.

Both states have also sought special status and are likely to press for the demand.

To a question on if the TDP wants the speaker's post and allies such as the JD(U), LJP and Jana Sena may demand more berths of their choice, the second leader said, "For now, the focus is on government formation...these issues will be subsequently discussed and decisions amiably arrived at."

BJP president JP Nadda, and Union ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh were deputed by the PM to hold parleys with allies. The meeting was attended by Chandrababu Naidu; Nitish Kumar, Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Sanjay Jha of the JD(U); Eknath Shinde of the Shiv Sena; HD Kumaraswamy of the JD(S); Chirag Paswan, Jitan Ram Manjhi of the Hindustan Awam Morcha; Pawan Kalyan of the Jana Sena Party; Sunil Tatkar and Praful Patel of the Nationalist Congress Party; Anupriya Patel of the Apna Dal (Sonelal); Jayant Chaudhary of the Rashtriya Lok Dal, Pramod Boro of the United People's Party Liberal; Atul Bora of the Asom Gana Parishad; Indra Hang Subba of the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha and Sudesh Mahto of the All Jharkhand Student's Union.

There is speculation that the Union cabinet will have newer faces. The PM has already tasked ministries to work on the 100-day agenda of the new government.

# 80% chance that 1.5°C goal of Paris Agreement may be breached in next 5 years, warns WMO

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**BAKU:** There is an 80% chance that the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C goal will be breached during at least one (annual average) of the next five years, the Geneva-based World Meteorological Organisation's Global Annual to Decadal Climate Update has warned. There is also an 86% likelihood that at least one of these years will set a new temperature record, beating 2023 which is currently the warmest year.

Breaching the 1.5°C threshold for a year is not equivalent to failing the Paris Agreement. The warning came even as Baku in Azerbaijan – on the coast of the Caspian Sea and a major producer of crude oil and natural gas – is preparing to host thou-

sands of delegates from all over the world this November for the 29th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29). The agenda of the UN climate meeting (COP29) at Baku is to negotiate a new financial goal to be set from the floor of USD 100 billion for the post-2025 period. This is expected to help developing countries transition to a low-carbon future.

The Paris Agreement sets long-term goals to guide all nations to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions to limit the global temperature increase in this century to 2°C while pursuing efforts to limit the increase further to 1.5°C, to avoid adverse impacts and related losses and damages.

However, WMO's projection is a stark warning that we are get-

ting closer to the goals set in the Paris Agreement, which refers to long-term temperature increases over decades, not over one to five years, WMO said.

The global mean near-surface temperature for each year between 2024 and 2028 is predicted to be between 1.1°C and 1.9°C higher than the 1850-1900 baseline, according to the WMO report.

There is an 86% likelihood that at least one of these years will set a new temperature record, beating 2023. Last year was 0.6°C warmer than the 1991-2020 average and 1.48°C warmer than the 1850-1900 pre-industrial level, according to EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service.

WMO released the data to coincide with a speech by United Nations Secretary-General Antõ-

nio Guterres calling for much more ambitious climate action ahead of the G7 Summit in Italy from June 13-15.

"We are playing Russian roulette with our planet," Guterres said. "We need an exit ramp off the highway to climate hell. And the good news is that we have control of the wheel. The battle to limit temperature rise to 1.5 degrees will be won or lost in the 2020s..." he added.

**Baku prepares for COP29**

Because of its considerable hydrocarbon production, Azerbaijan has one of the world's highest energy self-sufficiency ratios, with production exceeding demand almost four times, according to the International Energy Agency.

Azerbaijan President, Ilham

Aliyev, on Tuesday recalled how the country has managed to overcome several internal and external crises following independence in 1991 including civil war and Nagorno-Karabakh conflict with Armenia, due to its fossil fuel reserves. He was speaking at the 29th Caspian Oil and Gas exhibition at the Baku Energy Week.

"... we are not to blame for having oil and gas... We must be judged not for having these resources, but for how we manage them," he said in his speech.

Aliyev said apart from finance, international cooperation will be their focus for COP29. "One of the most important results, if we achieve at COP apart from financing, will be putting down mutual accusations and stopping blaming each other," he added.

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**NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY****E-Tendering Tender Notice No. 34/2024**

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) N.E. Railways Itanagar For and behalf of president of India invites "OPEN" e-tender through on Line (E-tendering) for the following work.

S.N. 1. Description of works : Construction of additional Passenger & Stabling Lines, Construction of Platforms with provision of PP shelter, drinking water booths, drains etc. at Tanakpur and Ramnagar railway station. Approx. Value (Rs.) : Rs. 12,50,96,764.49, E.M.D Money (Rs.) : Rs. 7,75,500/-. Cost of Tender Form : Rs. NIL, Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter 15 Months. 1. On line e-tender can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs of dated 26.06.2024. 2. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways IREPS website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), CPRO/W- 99, Itanagar  
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**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY****(Survey & Construction)****OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**

For and on behalf of the President of India, Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction)-V, North Western Railway, Jaipur invites online open E-tendering system (Two Packet System) for the following works on prescribed electronic forms:-

1. E-Tender No.: NWR/SC/SWM-JP/Civil/514110101. Name of work with its location: Construction of Important Railway Bridge No. 23 (30\*18.30m span Composite Girder) at Railway Chaining 34103 in Chauth ka Barwada-Isardra Section in connection with Sawai Madhopur-Jaipur Doubling Project. Approximate cost of work: Rs. 43,18,05,660.13. Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 23,09,000/-. Date & time for submission of E-tender: 24/06/2024: upto 15:00 hrs. Website particular where complete detail of tender can be seen: IREPS website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Office e-mail address: dyceojip@gmail.com

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**DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, KATHUA**E-mail: [sspkathua@jpolice.gov.in](mailto:sspkathua@jpolice.gov.in)

Fax/Phone No.: 01922-234010

**LOOK OUT NOTICE**

On 26.05.2024, one Raj Kumar S/O Bal Krishan R/O W.No. 10 near old Bus Stand District Kathua lodged a written report at Police Station Kathua stating therein that on 25.05.2024 his wife namely Payal Devi age about 26 years is missing from home. The complainant tried his best to search his wife but all in vain. On this, missing report vide DD No. 05 dated 26.05.2024 has been entered at Police Station Kathua.

During the course of investigation, best efforts were made to locate missing individual, whereas she is still un-traced.

As such Description Roll/Photograph of said missing individual is being shared with the appeal that anybody having clue/information about her whereabouts may inform us accordingly. The informer will be rewarded suitably:-

**DESCRIPTION ROLL** **PHOTOGRAPH**

- Name : Payal Devi
- Husband : Raj Kumar
- Permanent Address : W.No. 10 Kathua
- Present Address : W.No. 10 Kathua
- Tehsil : Kathua
- Police Station : Kathua
- Age : 26 years
- Height : 5 feet 1 inch
- Complexion : Fair
- Built : Medium
- Face : Oval
- Eyes : Black
- Languages known : Dogri/Hindi

Any information related to the whereabouts of the subject may be communicated on following contacts:-

- DPO Kathua - 01922-234010 (Phone/Fax)
- [dpokathua@jpolice.gov.in](mailto:dpokathua@jpolice.gov.in) (Mail ID)
- PCR Kathua - 01922-234311 (Phone/Fax)
- Police Station Kathua - 01922-234310

Sr. Superintendent of Police Kathua

DIP-J-916-24

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**8th Floor, Tower-B, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029, Phone: 23353503, Fax: 23753923, Website: [www.cercind.gov.in](http://www.cercind.gov.in)

Petition No. 102/TL/2024 Dated: 3.6.2024

**NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003**

An application under Sections 14, 15 and 79(1)(e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (the Act) has been made by Ishanagar Power Transmission Limited, Windsor, 1st Floor, Unit No. 101, Kalina, Santracruz, East Mumbai- 400098, Maharashtra, for the establishment of the "Western Region Expansion Scheme XXXIII (WRES-XXXIII): Part C" on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer basis (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") consisting of the following elements:

S. No.	Name of the Transmission Element	Scheduled COD in months from Effective Date
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- Establishment of 2x1500 MVA, 765/400 kV and 2x500 MVA, 400/220 kV S/s at Ishanagar (New) along with 1x330 MVA, 765 kV & 1x125 MVA, 420 kV bus reactor
  - 765/400 kV, 1500 MVA ICT – 2 Nos. (7x500 MVA 1-phase units including one spare ICT unit)
  - 400/220 kV, 500 MVA ICT – 2 Nos.
  - 765 kV ICT bays – 2 Nos.
  - 400 kV ICT bays – 4 Nos.
  - 220 kV ICT bays – 2 Nos.
  - 765 kV Line bays – 2 Nos.
  - 330 MVA, 765 kV Bus Reactor – 1 No. (4x 110 MVA including one spare unit)
  - 125 MVA, 420 kV Bus reactor – 1 No.
  - 765 kV Bus reactor bay: 1 No.
  - 400 kV Bus reactor bay: 1 No.
  - 220 kV Bus coupler bay: 1 No.
  - 220 kV Transfer Bus Coupler (TBC) bay - 1 No.
  - 220 kV line bays – 6 Nos. (for 220 kV lines to be implemented by MPPTCL#)

- Future provisions:**
- Space for
  - 765/400 kV ICT along with bays- 4 Nos.
  - 765 kV line bays along with switchable line reactors – 8 Nos.
  - 765 kV Bus Reactor along with bay: 3 Nos.
  - 765 kV Sectionalizer: 1 set
  - 400 kV line bays along with switchable line reactor – 10 Nos.
  - 400/220 kV ICT along with bays - 7 Nos.
  - 400 kV Bus Reactor along with bays: 3 Nos.
  - 400 kV Sectionalization bay: 1- set
  - 220 kV line bays: 12 Nos.
  - 220 kV Sectionalization bay: 2 sets
  - 220 kV BC and TBC: 2 Nos
- LILO of one circuit of Jabalpur - Orai 765 kV D/c line at Ishanagar 765 kV S/s (New)

#220 kV Ishanagar 765/400/220 kV - Jatara 220 kV D/C line and LIL/O of Chhatrapur - Tikamgarh 220 kV 2xS/c line at 765/400/220 kV Ishanagar (Chhatrapur - Tikamgarh 220 kV 2nd ckt is currently under implementation)

**Note:**

- Implementation timeframe: 24 months from date of SPV transfer.
  - MPPTCL shall execute downstream network in matching timeframe of ISTS system.
- The Central Transmission Utility of India Limited vide its letter dated 11.3.2024 has recommended for the grant of a transmission licence to the applicant to establish the proposed transmission system.
  - Based on the material available on the record, the Commission vide order dated 31.5.2024 in Petition No. 102/TL/2024, has proposed to issue a transmission licence to the applicant for establishment of the transmission scheme as noted in para 1 above.
  - A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for the grant of an inter-State transmission licence to Ishanagar Power Transmission Limited before the Commission can be accessed at the website <https://www.indigrid.co.in/documents-manager/> or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.
  - Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act that suggestions or objections, if any, to the Commission's proposal to grant a transmission licence to the applicant, as aforesaid, be sent to the undersigned by 16.6.2024 at the above noted address. The suggestions or objections received after the specified date shall not be considered.
  - The application shall be taken up for the further hearing by the Commission on 18.6.2024. Any person who files suggestions or objections may in his/her discretion attend the hearing, for which no TADA shall be paid by the Commission.

Sd/-  
(Harpreet Singh Pruthi)  
Secretary

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY** **E-TENDER NOTICE** Dated: 01.06.2024

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction-II), North Central Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of the President of India invited E-tender up to 15:00 hrs on the closing date 24.06.2024. The detail of the tender are as under:-

**Tender No.:** DY-CE-C-II-JHS-2024-01, **Description of work:** Maintenance of track (New double line) between TKA-MRPR under ADEN/M/Line Mahoba for 18 months.

**Approx Cost :** Rs. 55, 34, 654.40 **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,10,700.00

**Completion Period:** 18 (Eighteen) Months including harvest & monsoon period

**Validity:** 60 Days **Closing date / time:** 24.06.2024 at 15:00 Hrs.

**Note:** For complete details and submission of tender please visit Indian Railway's website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> 960/24 (P)

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY** **TENDER NOTICE**

Invitation of Tender through IREPS

**N.I.T. No. 04 A&B/24-25 dated 05.06.2024**

1. **Name of work with its location** A. Supply & maintenance of Indoor well developed ornamental potted plants, average height 1 feet to 5 feet on hire basis at Northern Railway Central Hospital main administrative building in the S/O SSE/Hort./NDLS under ADEN/Horticulture/New Delhi. B. Repair and improvement to Doctor's cabin, patient toilets, patient cabins and wards etc. in the section of SSE/Works/Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi.

2. **Approx. Cost of work** A. Rs. 65,95,279.20, B. Rs. 1,89,99,144.28

3. **Earnest Money** A. Rs. 1,31,900, B. Rs. 2,45,000

4. **Completion period of work** A. 12 Months, B. 12 Months

5. **Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender** Upto 15:00 hrs on 02.07.2024 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. On 02.07.2024

6. **Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.** A above tender available on IREPS site i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

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**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY** **E-Tender Notice** Dated: 04.06.2024

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) / North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tendering process for the following works up to 13:30 hrs. on 01.07.2024. The details of the tender is as under:

**SN Tender No. Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.)**

1 81 8100826.50 162000.00

**Name of Work:** Repair of Relay Hut in Prayagraj - Kanpur section in the jurisdiction of Sr. Divisional Engineer/II/North Central Railway/ Prayagraj. **Completion Period:** 12 (Twelve) Months

**SN Tender No. Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.)**

2 82 24103452.34 270500.00

**Name of Work:** Balance work at satellite track machine depot at Roama station in the Section of Sr. Asstt. Divisional Engineer/ Fatehpur. **Completion Period:** 06 (Six) Months

**SN Tender No. Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.)**

3 83 14410685.00 222100.00

**Name of Work:** Provision of fixed knotted wire fencing boundary wall between Prayagraj-Barnauli station in the section under Asstt. Divisional Engineer/Line/North Central Railway/Prayagraj. **Completion Period:** 06 (Six) Months

**SN Tender No. Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.)**

4 84 5193985.13 103900.00

**Name of Work:** Extension of Katoghan Bridge No-121 in connection with provision of Sand Humps / Over Runs in Prayagraj - Kanpur section under Sr. Divisional Engineer/II/North Central Railway/Prayagraj. **Completion Period:** 06 (Six) Months

**Date of Opening of tender:** 01.07.2024 for each tender Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work": Any Civil Engineering Work for SN 1 to 3 and Any Bridge construction/Rebuilding/Repair works for SN 4. Note: 1. E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. 2. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. 01.07.2024. 3. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 4. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. 5. The tenderers shall submit a certificate as given in tender document as "Annexure" in standard format without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. 6. The supplier/contractor of goods and / or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. 7. Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 8. This tender notice has also been uploaded on [www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in). 9. Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. 10. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 11. Tender on line can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. of tender opening date i.e. 01.07.2024. 12. The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-4) of GCC-2022 mandatorily, otherwise offer will be considered as incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. 977/24(K)

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No.: 2296/50 Yatayat-7/2024 Dated: 05.06.2024

**E-tender Notice (Two Bid)**

Superintending Engineer, 7th circle P.W.D. Gopeshwar invites bid on behalf of hon,ble governor of uttarakhand by e-tendering under two bid system for the following works. Information regarding bid will be available from dated 10.06.2024 on <https://www.uktenders.gov.in>.

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount of Earnest Money (Rs.Lakhs)	Cost of e-tender document	Validity of Tender (in Days)	Completion Period (in Months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	Improvement of Tharali- Dewal- Munderoli- Vaan motor Road (SH-90) in km. 40.00 to 52.200 under state sector.	7.67	5000.00 + 18% GST	120	12	Registered in category "A" and above for Road work in uttrakhand & other State/ Govt. of India/ any Govt. undertaking.

**Government of India****DEPARTMENT OF POSTS O/o CHIEF POSTMASTER GENERAL, JHARKHAND CIRCLE, RANCHI - 834002**

No. JH/Mails/RTN Tender/Ranchi-Kolkata/2024 dated at Ranchi the 05.06.2024

In continuation of earlier Notice invited vide Tender ID No. 2024\_DOP\_807304\_1 dated 15.05.2024, the Online Tenders are invited on behalf of the President of India under Two Bid System (Technical Bid and Commercial Bid) for Conveyance of Parcel/Mail over the Route "Ranchi" with 22 Kolkata [Ranchi-Jamshedpur-Kharagpur-Kolkata & vice-versa] on Contract basis by Hiring of Commercial Vehicles fitted with GPS (Global Positioning System) from reputed Firms/Transporters/Bidders by the Chief PMG, Jharkhand Circle represented through the Assistant Director (Mails & BD), O/o Chief PMG, Jharkhand Circle, Doranda, Ranchi-834002.

The Schedule of the Tender is given as under:

Tender Reference No.	Tender ID No.	Estimated Tender Value	Tender Fee (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Date of Publishing of Tender on https://eprocure.gov.in	Last Date & Time of Receipt of Tender Documents	Date & Time of Online Opening Technical Bid	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Date for Opening of Financial Bids
JH/Mails/RTN Tender/Ranchi - 807304_2	Retender ID:2024_DOP_807304_2	Rs.150 Lakh	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 3Lakh	05.06.2024 (1100 hrs)	12.06.2024 (1700 hrs)	14.06.2024 (1100 hrs)	07.06.2024 (1200 hrs) @O/o Chief P M G, Doranda, Ranchi-834002	To be Notified Electronically

The Tender Document along with Terms & Conditions may be downloaded from the Website: <https://eprocure.gov.in> and Website of the Department of Post [www.indiapost.gov.in](http://www.indiapost.gov.in)

Sd/- Assistant Director (Mails & BD)  
O/o the Chief PMG, Jharkhand Circle, Ranchi-834002

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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 <b>NOTE:</b> 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).	<a href="http://www.etenders.hry.nic">www.etenders.hry.nic</a> <a href="http://www.hpgcl.org.in">www.hpgcl.org.in</a>	Er. Deepak Verma, XEN/ Fuel (CBD) Mobile: 8725011437 Email: <a href="mailto:cefuel@hpgcl.org.in">cefuel@hpgcl.org.in</a>

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No.: 2298/50 Yatayat-7/2024 Dated: 05.06.2024

**E-tender Notice (Two Bid)**

Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, P.W.D. Gopeshwar invites bid on behalf of Hon,ble Governor of Uttarakhand by e-tendering under two bid system for the following works. Information regarding bid will be available from 10.06.2024 on <https://www.uktenders.gov.in>.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount of Earnest Money (Rs.Lakhs)	Cost of e-tender document	Validity of Tender (in Days)	Completion Period (in Months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	Road safety works on Karanprayag- Nauti-Paithani motor road (SH-34) (km 13.00 to 22.00)	8.26	5000.00 + 18% GST	120	9	Registered in Category "A" and above For Road works in Uttarakhand in Uttarakhand State
2	Road safety works on Gauchar-Sidoli motor road (SH-95) (km 9.605 to 20.290)	9.93	5000.00 + 18% GST	120	9	-do-

**अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान (एम्स), कल्याणी**  
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Sl. No.	Name of Post	Group	Pay Level (as per 7th CPC)	No. of Vacancy	Advertisement Number & Date
1.	Senior Accounts Officer	A	Level-11	01	4177/E-32013/9/23-(DEPUTATION) Dated: 14.03.2024
2.	Administrative Officer	A	Level-10	01	387/E-32013/23-(DEPUTATION) Dated: 05.06.2024

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I.N.D.I.A. MEETING

against the fascist rule 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."

Kharge maintained that the "people's mandate" in the polls gave "a befitting reply to the BJP and their politics of hate, corruption and deprivation".

While some allies met informally on Saturday to plan for the counting day, the meeting on Wednesday was aimed to prepare the future course of action.

Meanwhile, West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee spoke to Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday evening, said people aware of the matter. However, they said, the talks didn't yield any results and Naidu pointed out that he fought the election as a BJP ally.

In the meeting, Shiv Sena (UBT) and Trinamool Congress suggested that the alliance should try to explore the possibility of forming a government. But some other leaders pointed out that the INDIA bloc didn't have the numbers and the President will invite the BJP and the NDA as they com-

manded a majority, said people aware of developments.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said that the "Modi brand has been busted" and specifically praised Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and Rashtriya Janata Dal's Tejashwi Yadav. "Akhilesh helped us a lot in Uttar Pradesh. We also had a good campaign in Bihar and we have highlighted unemployment and corruption of the Modi government as key issues. Our unity must continue," Gandhi emphasised.

The SP emerged as the single-largest party in UP with 37 seats and the RJD won four in Bihar.

While the mood was jubilant in the meeting, there was a debate on the draft of the resolution, which Kharge read out to the media. Many parties including TMC wanted the draft to contain a line inviting NDA allies unhappy with the BJP to join the Opposition bloc, said people aware of developments. But finally, it was not included in the resolution.

CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury and former J&K chief minister Omar Abdullah suggested that the INDIA bloc should wait as the Opposition will get an opportunity to bring more parties against

the government. "All leaders agreed that the mandate is against Modi and the popular mandate in INDIA's favour. Many leaders also pointed out that the primary task of the Opposition should be to fulfil aspirations of the people," said another leader, requesting anonymity.

Forward Bloc leader G Devarajan said in the meeting, "Credit should be also given to Rahul Gandhi as Bharat Jodo Yatra and Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra created an atmosphere against fascist government and it helped us to reach this spectacular number."

The meeting was attended by former party chiefs Sonia and Rahul Gandhi, general secretary KC Venugopal and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

Sharad Pawar and Supriya Sule of the NCP-SP, Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin and TR Baalu of the DMK, Akhilesh Yadav and Ramgopal Yadav of the Samajwadi Party, Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, Shiv Sena (UBT) leaders Arvind Sawant and Sanjay Raut, Tejashwi Yadav and Sanjay Yadav of the RJD were present.

CPI's D Raja, Jharkhand chief minister Champai Soren and Kal-

pana Soren of the JMM, AAP's Sanjay Singh and Raghav Chadha and Dipankar Bhattacharya of the CPI(ML) attended the meeting.

Sayyid Sadiq Ali Shihab Thangal and PK Kunhalikutty of the IUML, Jose K Mani of the KC(M), Thol Thirumavalavan and D Ravikumar of the VCK, RSP leader N.K. Premachandran, MH Jawahirullah of the MDMK, G. Devarajan of the forward bloc, ER Eswaran of the KMDK were also present.

The INDIA bloc has been buoyed by Congress's revival in northern India, the SP's best-ever tally in Uttar Pradesh and Trinamool Congress's strong showing in West Bengal. Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena and Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party got the better of their rivals in Maharashtra. Overall, INDIA wrested nearly 60 seats from NDA, which made up for some of the losses by sweeping Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Odisha.

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already led to some internal churn.

The BJP contested 28 seats but none of its nine wins came in Marathwada (where it fielded

candidates in four seats), and two victories each came in the prosperous western Maharashtra region (it contested six here) and in Vidarbha (it contested seven), which were its traditional strongholds. The party's vote share, too, dipped from 27.84% in 2019 to 26.17% in 2024.

The party's disappointing show in Maharashtra, a key state for the BJP and the second largest in India with 48 Lok Sabha seats, significantly dented the overall tally of the party and the National Democratic Alliance.

"I was leading the party in the election and hence take full responsibility of the poor performance and the setback to the BJP. We have identified the reasons for our debacle and there is need for the corrective steps to be taken ahead of the Assembly elections. I have therefore decided to request to my central leadership to divest me of the responsibility of the post of deputy chief minister and allow me to work for the party full time," Fadnavis said on Wednesday.

His decision was being viewed as a political move

aimed at galvanising the party cadre and also as a pre-emptive step to prevent his detractors within the party — of whom there are several — from targeting him ahead of the assembly elections.

Fadnavis addressed the media at the party headquarters in Mumbai after meeting the election management committee comprising top state BJP leaders. The party's failure to counter the "false narrative about scrapping of the constitution," partial anti-incumbency

and issues related to the price to onion, cotton and soyabean were some of the reasons for their poor showing, he said.

Fadnavis's offer to step down was immediately met by a chorus of protest. Several party colleagues rushed to his Malabar Hill residence to convince him to reconsider while CM Shinde said the three parties contested together and hence they were collectively responsible for the electoral debacle.

"We have requested him to devote four days to organisation and remaining days of the week to the governance and we are hopeful that he will accept our request," said state BJP chief Chandrashekhkar Bawankule.

Other party leaders, speaking off the record, said neither the BJP leadership was expected to accept his resignation and neither was Fadnavis expected to pursue the matter. "The announcement is to keep his detractors within the party and

the government under check. He is not happy with some of the decisions taken by CM Shinde and deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar. At the same time, some of his recommendations were overruled by the central leadership during the Lok Sabha polls. He wants to send out a message with this move," said a leader close to Fadnavis.

"Our strike rate would have touched double digits had the BJP not insisted on having a last-minute say in candidate selection in 4-5 seats, including in Yavatmal and Nashik," grumbled a senior Shiv Sena leader who also cited the example of Mumbai South where the party wanted Milind Deora to contest but was forced by the BJP to field Yamini Jadhav, and that too 24 hours before nominations closed.

Shinde's Shiv Sena won seven seats and the Nationalist Congress Party under Ajit Pawar managed to win just one.

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# Coalition dharma and the new BJP

After a decade of electoral dominance, the party may be forced to deal with demanding NDA partners in running the government

Narendra Modi appears set to begin his third consecutive term as Prime Minister (PM). But unlike in 2014 and 2019, the allies in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) are in a position to demand their space, in fact, even force their agenda on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Thirty-two seats short of a simple majority, the BJP will need to rewire its relations with allies and reformat the NDA, perhaps, along the lines it existed two decades ago. The post June 4 BJP, in office, may need to think about coalition dharma, a much-discussed phrase between 1996 and 2004, when the NDA came into being and Atal Bihari Vajpayee headed multiple coalition governments.

As it stands, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and Janata Dal (United) are central to the NDA's numbers with 16 and 12 MPs, respectively. Their leaders, N Chandrababu Naidu of the TDP and Nitish Kumar of the JD(U), are experienced, shrewd and demanding politicians who are masters at manoeuvring coalitions. Accommodating their interests will be a challenge that the BJP needs to negotiate before it begins the business of governance. Pet ideological projects may have to be shelved or negotiated for the sake of coalition dharma as the BJP did in the 1990s. Consensus building will have to be the bedrock of governance even though Modi, as PM and chief minister of Gujarat, never had to negotiate the minefield of coalition politics. The BJP may also have to recalibrate its expansion plans and tailor its tactics to be on the same page with allies to let the government run smoothly. The NDA may need a seasoned politician as convenor — George Fernandes did the job for Vajpayee — to iron out wrinkles, if any become visible.

All this is important since assembly elections are due in Haryana, Jharkhand and Maharashtra later this year, and in Bihar next year. The BJP has not done well in these states, and it has a mess in Maharashtra to sort out, where the Congress, given up for dead not too long ago, won more seats (13) than the BJP (11). The losses in Maharashtra, where the BJP is in office, have as much to do with drought and farm distress as with poor coalition management. Rising unemployment and food inflation are pan-Indian phenomena, which can singe the NDA in general, and the BJP in particular. Much depends on how the BJP leadership interprets the results and what change of course the party will take up to reconcile with the electoral losses. The situation at the Centre may need a new BJP that is more conciliatory and accommodative towards diverse interests.

# Political task ahead for the INDIA bloc

The 18th Lok Sabha, unlike the two previous Houses, will have an Opposition bloc so substantial in strength that the treasury benches will be forced to engage with it constructively. With 234 MPs, including a rejuvenated Congress with 99 members, the INDIA bloc has its task cut out in Parliament to hold the government accountable. It will, hopefully, lead to more informed deliberations and productive law-making. Beyond Parliament, the INDIA bloc has the opportunity to build on the pre-poll arrangement the parties worked out on the eve of the general elections and transform itself into a political coalition with clear policies and ideology. In terms of leaders, the INDIA bloc is a platform with political heavyweights. To their credit, they managed to keep aside their suspicions to work out seat deals at the last minute and held a few joint rallies to bolster the chances of joint candidates. Barring in Kerala, Punjab and West Bengal, the bloc's leaders, surprisingly, found harmony in their chorus. The results in UP, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and even Bihar and Jharkhand reflect the resonance the INDIA bloc created. Ironically, this is despite the bloc failing to put together a common manifesto or a common minimum programme. However, the leaders spoke in a common language and promised a future rich with jobs and welfare and one that protected the rights guaranteed in the Constitution. The challenge is to live the spirit after the elections.

A strong Opposition is essential to keep a check on the government and ensure that it stays and works within the lines drawn by the Constitution and respects customs and conventions inside and outside Parliament. And at least in the short-term, there is a strong electoral reason for the continuation of the alliance: Haryana, Jharkhand, and Maharashtra are headed for polls soon.

# Operation Blue Star: Trauma and lessons

A crucial lesson of the violence in Punjab is that given India's plurality, regional aspirations have to be blended with the mainstream, just as the nation has to respect and accommodate the identities and interests of its diverse multitudes

The bullet-ridden Granth Sahib and a model of a dilapidated Akal Takht on display at Golden Temple these days are reminders of the catastrophic Operation Blue Star. Its 40th anniversary is an occasion to introspect on what happened and why.

Given Punjab's centuries-old propensity for cyclic mayhem, Punjabis and the political establishment must not repeat past mistakes. The geopolitical curse of Punjab as a gateway of India and the many invasions it suffered has made its people martial and has left them with an inbuilt anti-Delhi Darbar disposition and a predilection to resist what they call *jabar zanaah* (excesses). Ingrained in their psyche is a perpetual sense of being discriminated against and the misplaced conviction that *jo ade so mithey* (whoever obstructs will be eliminated).

Constitutional politics, however, do not operate on such proclivities. Democracy is governance by politics to

maximise the vote share. The Punjab of today is hopelessly marginalised with just 2.3% of India's population, and Sikhs are still fewer, at 1.7% of the nation. The way to fulfil their regional aspirations, therefore, is not the civil strife and militancy of yesteryears that led to Operation Blue Star, but to mainstream the remnants of militancy. In that context, the participation of the self-declared proponents of Khalistan like Amritpal Singh (in detention under the National Security Act) in the recent Lok Sabha elections is a welcome development: Amritpal Singh, and Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa, son of Indira Gandhi's assassin, Beant Singh, have been elected to the Lok Sabha as independent candidates. They swore allegiance to the Constitution before entering the electoral process and even if they continue with their ideological hubbubs, it has to be within the confines of freedom of speech as the Constitution imagines it.

A crucial lesson of the two decades of violence in Punjab is that given India's plurality, regional aspirations have to be blended with the mainstream, just as the nation has to respect and accommodate the identities and interests of its diverse multitudes. Steamrolling grievances and aspirations or using military power, without politically addressing the underlying socioeconomic causes of unrest, breeds discontent and dissent. It is not the road map to take the nation forward, particularly when issues of faith and sacrosanct spaces are interwoven with regional aspira-

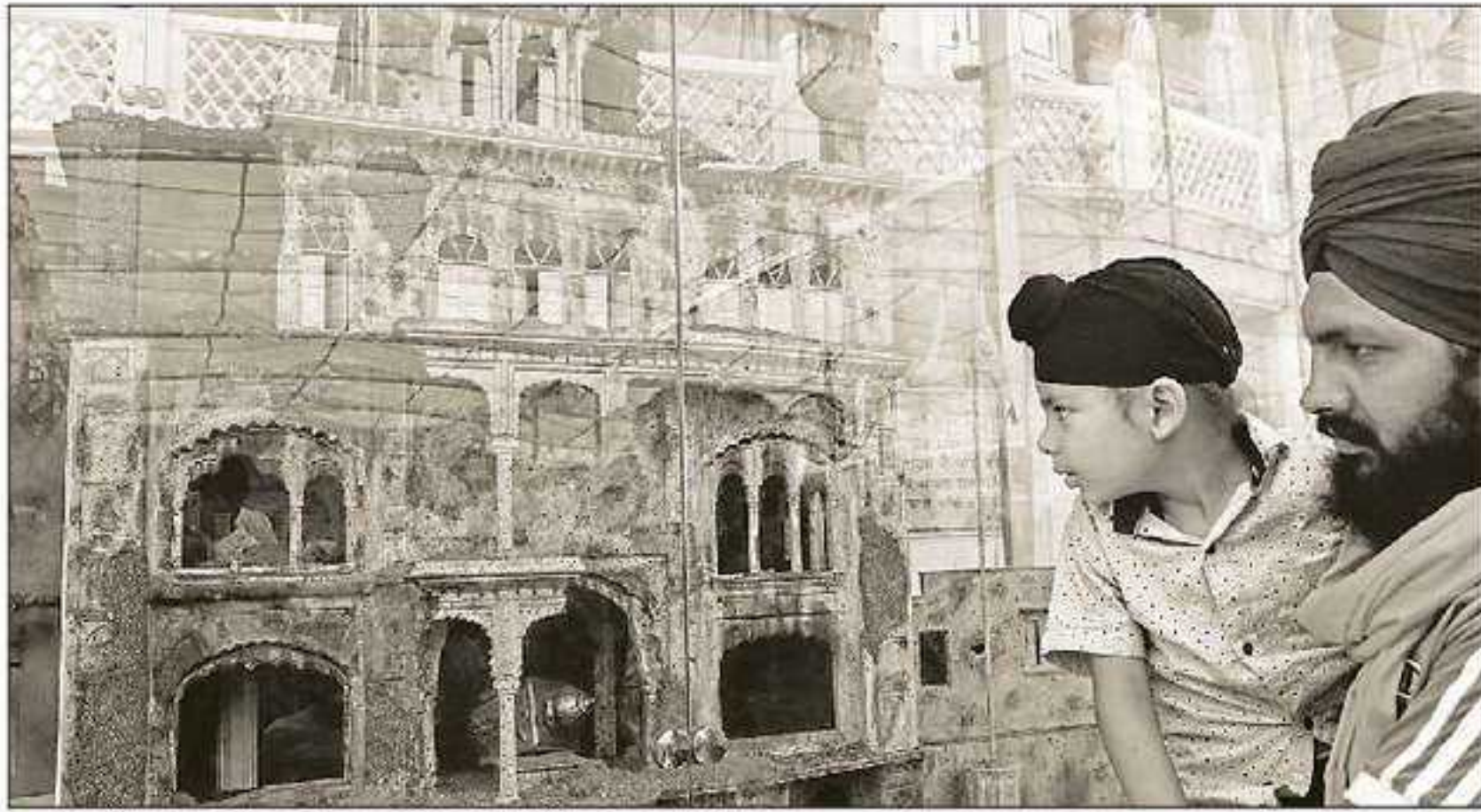
tions, as was the situation at the time of Operation Blue Star.

Blue Star, in fact, is an example of how not to undertake nation-building. Rather than uniting, it divided the people and sowed the seeds of a violent ethno-national movement. Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale had never openly demanded Khalistan, but believed that its foundation would be laid if the Army attacked the Golden Temple. Post Blue Star, for the first time, a mythical sovereign state of Khalistan was formed within the precincts of the Golden Temple by the Panthic Committee, the executive body of militants created to negate the statutory Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC). It formed an armed force, Khalistan Commando Force (KCF), and declared war against the State. Punjab suffered incalculable losses and turmoil, necessitating frequent armed forays into the Temple complex, including Operation Black Thunder I and 2.

The ethno-national movement has petered out since, but its seeds sprout abroad sporadically, setting off alarm bells. Today, the Panthic assertion is spread internationally. However, Khalsa's *bol bala* or pre-eminence, can only be achieved through excellence in various fields and making a mark in the world in the true spirit of *sarbat da bhala* (prosperity to all) and not by violence or the outmoded models of Westphalian territorial sovereignty. In any case, where would the Panthic territorial sovereignty be headquartered — in Lahore, the historical capital of Khalsa, or the



Ramesh Inder Singh



These days, a model of a dilapidated Akal Takht on display at Golden Temple is a reminder of the catastrophic Operation Blue Star

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modern-day Sikh concentrations of Surrey or Brampton?

One lesson of the Punjab violence is that human rights are inviolable. The radical elements abroad exploit these issues under western multiculturalism, and it is in our national interest to abide by the rule of law and not just the procedure established by law. Super-cops KPS Gill's strategy to physically eliminate the militants without conceding to any of their demands rooted out violence but also bred a culture of extrajudicial methods. Even 40 years later, news of the conviction of officials for "disappearance" — a euphemism for fake encounters — keeps appearing. Our conduct must conform to the best international standards of the rule of law.

There is also a message for the political establishment — do not allow political aspirations to be hijacked by militants. The Akali Morcha was launched in August 1982, with 10 economic, religious, and political demands. There was nothing anti-national about this and it evoked massive public support. The agitation, however, was allowed to simmer, and the failure to address the issues politically till the Rajiv-Longowal Accord in July 1985, which was also not honoured, allowed the militants to unleash unmitigated violence.

A two-pronged strategy was required — political management of

the socioeconomic and regional aspirations and a simultaneous, firm enforcement of law and order. The State failed to do either. Foreign forces stepped in to exploit the situation. The administration collapsed and the Army — the option of last resort — was brought in. The poorly planned Operation Blue Star blemished the fair image of the forces. There is a caution for the Army — the strategy and tactics it adopts in aiding civil power invariably have far-reaching consequences. Illustratively, the use of tanks in the Golden Temple and the resultant devastation had wide-ranging adverse outcomes.

Insurgencies do necessitate long-term deployment of armed forces but it is vital to evolve a civil-military maxim, an institutionalised oversight mechanism rather than relying on the present "joint command" concept, which often turns out to be occasional meet-and-greet conferences. Our forces are apolitical, and to protect this image, civil oversight mechanisms should be strengthened. The recent FIR against three colonels and 13 soldiers in Kupwara for allegedly storming the police station only confirms the need for it.

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# Biodiversity solutions to battle heatwave menace

The Indian Ocean is currently going through a marine heatwave. This will likely lead to a decrease in fish catch, increased stress for fisherfolk, and potential storm surges. We are also in the throes of a heatwave on land and have suffered Cyclone Remal. Going forward, it is increasingly becoming clear that how we plan challenges linked to the environment will be key to the well-being of citizens. From May 21-29, several countries (also called Parties) came together in Nairobi, for a meeting on the Subsidiary Body of Implementation under the aegis of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

In 2022, the world made the biggest decision to mainstream and conserve biodiversity. This was the adoption of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), which sets 23 targets for saving nature by integrating it into the rest of life: Economy, well-being, production and climate action. Placed under the CBD, these targets need to be met by 2030 to ensure we reverse nature loss and be nature-positive for people and the planet. This means we only have five years to take urgent measures.

And India has the opportunity to lead the way. Currently, the chair of the Subsidiary Body of Implementation (SBI) of the CBD is from India — A Chalender Reddy, the chairperson of the National Biodiversity Authority, Government of India, has been appointed the chairperson for SBI. This is an important position, which gives India at least two roles. One is to set an example by fulfilling the commitments towards nature by implementing the GBF, and the second is to urge other parties to do so. In the just-concluded SBI meeting, mechanisms for monitoring the GBF were discussed. In some ways, India's own experience in implementing the GBF can provide a template for navigating the complexities of developing, biodiverse nations with various interest groups and demographics.

Given their wide scope, implementation will be about taking a whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach. This is akin to taking a position that invests in nature, paying back to the economy and society. In a study published in 2023 (in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences), researchers from the University of Minnesota and Purdue University found that investments in nature, through augmenting ecosystem ser-

vices including pollination, timber provision, marine fisheries and carbon sequestration, accrue annual gains of \$100-350 billion each year.

The problem of marine heatwaves needs a set of integrated and nature-positive solutions. First, we can attempt to solve existing problems in the fish production-scapes to distress livelihoods — such as improving the cold supply chain of fish to reduce the wastage of catch. We can invest in better, solar-powered fish chilling units as a means of climate adaptation. Second, we can look at nature-based solutions that help provide refuge to fish and marine wildlife, ultimately strengthening the ecosystem. This could be done by creating artificial reefs to provide additional habitat and cover for important fishery species, and restoring native mangroves. Third, we need to re-consider how coastal infrastructure is sited — structures should not cause more ecological damages, and need to consider that coastal storms and cyclones will increase, thereby increasing maintenance costs.

We have an opportunity to cross-pollinate the approaches taken on federal and state levels. As an example, the Government of India has a soil health card scheme under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture. Karnataka has the Bhoochetna scheme, which focuses on improving the livelihoods of dry-land farmers in the state. The challenge for policymaking is to ensure these approaches work in tandem.

The larger ecosystem of our environmental commitments also needs greater synthesis. For instance, India has pledged to restore 26 million hectares of land by 2030 (under the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification). We have our climate targets under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change of reducing emission intensity by 45% by 2030 from 2005 levels and creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent through additional forest and tree cover by 2030 (with 2005 as the base year). These need to be integrated in ways that cross-cut and benefit each other. For example, restoration should be science-based and privilege native ecosystems. Rivers are being restored in India through coalitions of NGOs and State action — an example is the Karula river, a tributary of the Ramganga, in Bijnor district, Uttar Pradesh. This is the right time to take a birds-eye view of the landscapes, and create restored landscapes that combine rivers and riverine habitats (such as grasslands and forests) and green and blue areas in cities (the latter is a GBF target). The GBF calls for the involvement of women, youth groups, tribals and other under-represented communities in implementation: This will require two-way capacity-building and participation. Efforts also need to be made to broaden and develop synergies among various rural and agrarian schemes like the Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan, the Jal Jeevan Mission and Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan for implementation.

What will work in India may well provide the roadmap for the rest of the world.



Neha Sinha



The problem of marine heatwaves needs integrated and nature-positive solutions HT

Neha Sinha is head, policy and communications, WWF-India. The views expressed are personal

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**Bihar has emerged as the kingmaker. Whichever government comes, they should ensure that Bihar gets a special status... and caste census should be conducted across the country**

# What awaits Mexico's first female president

The Latin American region has been characterised by anti-incumbency for the past decade-and-a-half, with incumbent parties losing in all but three of the past 20 free and fair elections. On Sunday, Mexicans bucked that trend by voting in Claudia Sheinbaum from the Morena party with a decisive mandate of 32 million votes, more than double those received by her closest rival Xóchitl Gálvez. Sheinbaum benefits from the popularity of her predecessor Andrés Manuel López Obrador, commonly known by his initials, AMLO. As Mexico's first female president, Sheinbaum faces high expectations, particularly from the country's active feminist movement. Sheinbaum also bears the responsibility of being only the third Leftist candidate to be elected president in Mexico, after Adolfo López Mateos in 1958, and AMLO in 2018. She inherits both the good and the bad from AMLO — her coalition's majority in both houses of parliament will grant a long honeymoon period, and she will benefit from Mexico's propitious position as a nearshoring destination bordering the United States (US); but she will also have to contend with an exceedingly high budget deficit and rising levels of violence.

At the outset, Sheinbaum must confront two immediate domestic challenges. The first is a perennial problem that has stumped Mexican leaders for the past three decades — rising levels of violence stemming from drug trafficking and gangs. But this is a near-impossible task for Sheinbaum or indeed anyone occupying the country's highest office. Mexico has the grave misfortune of being sandwiched between producers of cocaine to its south and massive consumers of the drug to its north; this equation will not change anytime soon and will prove to be a challenge for the remainder of Sheinbaum's term.

The second and, perhaps, more pressing challenge facing Sheinbaum is her ability to grow out of AMLO's shadow. Many of her critics paint her as a stand-in for her predecessor — but this may be premature. AMLO ends his six-year term with approval ratings of 60% and will not want to taint his legacy by overstaying his welcome, even if it is from the shadows. It would be a mistake to underestimate Sheinbaum, the daughter of two Jewish immigrants and intellectuals, who

has transitioned seamlessly from the world of science and academia to the unforgiving arena of politics. A renowned physicist with a doctorate in energy engineering, Sheinbaum is not a conventional politician. She proved her credentials as mayor of Mexico City during the Covid-19 pandemic, often implementing policies contrary to AMLO's rather sceptical approach towards combating the virus.

These elections will have repercussions in Mexico's neighbourhood, specifically in the US but also in the Latin American region. Sheinbaum and her Morena party have many detractors in the US, some of whom even view her as a threat to Mexican democracy due to her party's overarching influence across institutions in Mexico. Such fears are overblown. Mexico is not a perfect democracy and faces several challenges, but to term these as existential issues seems exaggerated. The re-election of Morena bodes well for Leftist political parties in Latin America, which are in power in many countries in the region, including Brazil, Colombia, and Chile. The Left is cementing its place as a recurring actor in mainstream politics in Latin America.

The Mexican economy has only grown in strength over the past decade. Today it is the 12th largest economy measured by gross domestic product, larger than South Korea, Spain, or Indonesia. Much like India, Mexico has a fast-growing middle class and a rather young population and has reaped the benefits of the realignment of global value chains away from China to countries more amenable to the West.

Mexico is also one of India's most important partners in the Latin American region, second only to Brazil. Today, India exports more to Mexico than to Japan, and India-Mexico trade is more than India's trade with Canada, Nigeria, or Spain. More than 200 Indian companies have invested \$3 billion in Mexico over the past two decades. Despite its domestic preoccupations, New Delhi should court Mexico as a partner in economic diplomacy. The Latin American region remains the last frontier in India's foreign policy calculus, and Mexico's salience is only growing with time.

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# Israel bombs Gaza as talks resume on truce-hostage deal

Urban combat and shelling rocked Gaza's southern city of Rafah near the Egyptian border

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**GAZA:** Israel's military pounded central Gaza with heavy air-strikes on Wednesday as international talks to secure a truce and hostage release deal resumed.

Tensions were high in annexed east Jerusalem where thousands of police were deployed to guard Israel's annual "flag march" that has sparked clashes between Jews and Arabs in previous years.

The bloodiest ever Gaza war, sparked by Hamas's October 7 attack on southern Israel, raged on unabated with jets bombing targets overnight and Palestinian officials reporting yet more deaths.

Urban combat and shelling rocked Gaza's southern city of Rafah near the Egyptian border, the last area hit by the Israeli ground invasion launched in northern Gaza in late October.

But fighting has also flared again in central areas, where the army said "troops have started targeted operational activity in the areas of Bureij and eastern Deir al-Balah, both above and below ground".

"The activity started with a series of airstrikes on terror targets, including military compounds, weapons storage facilities and underground infrastruc-

## Israel 'prepared for intense ops' on Lebanon border: Netanyahu

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**JERUSALEM:** Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Wednesday that Israel was "prepared for a very intense operation" along the border with Lebanon, where Israeli troops have exchanged near-daily fire with Hezbollah fighters.

Almost eight months of exchanges between Israel and the Iran-backed movement, a Hamas ally, have intensified over the past week, with Israel striking deeper into Lebanese territory.

structure," it said. "During the strikes, several Hamas terrorists were eliminated."

Bombardment of central Gaza killed 11 people near the Al-Maghazi camp and two near Deir al-Balah, said witnesses and Palestinian civil defence and hospital officials.

US President Joe Biden last Friday outlined what he called a three-phase Israeli plan that would halt the fighting for six weeks while hostages are exchanged for Palestinian prisoners and aid is stepped up.

G7 powers and Arab states have backed the proposal, although sticking points remain — Hamas insists on a permanent truce and full Israeli withdrawal, demands that Israel has flatly rejected.

tory. "We are prepared for a very intense operation in the north. One way or another, we will restore security to the north," Netanyahu said during a visit to the border area.

Hezbollah said later it launched several attacks on Israeli positions during the day, including a "guided missile" strike on an "Iron Dome" platform in the Ramot Naftali barracks.

In past weeks, Israel has ramped up its targeting of Hezbollah fighters and allied Palestinian and Lebanese militants in cars and on motorbikes in Lebanon.

A source with knowledge of the negotiations confirmed to AFP that a meeting had taken place on Wednesday "between the Qatari prime minister and head of Egyptian intelligence with Hamas in Doha to discuss a deal for a truce in Gaza and the exchange of hostages and prisoners".

## Gunman fires shots at US Embassy in Lebanon

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

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

## UK marks 80th anniversary of D-Day landings



The RAF Red Arrows perform a fly-past during a D-Day national commemoration event in Portsmouth, Britain, on Wednesday. King Charles III led commemorations to mark the 80th anniversary for the World War II D-Day landings, joining British veterans, other senior royals and political leaders.

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# July 4 polls: Sunak, Starmer clash over tax, cost of living in TV debate

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**LONDON:** British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and opposition Labour Party leader Keir Starmer sparred on Tuesday over tax, the cost of living and the country's creaking health system in an inconclusive televised debate ahead of July 4 elections expected to make one of them the country's next leader.

Sunak tried to boost his centre-right party's dismal outlook by urging voters to back the stability of continued Conservative government.

Starmer hoped to cement his status as favourite by arguing that Britain desperately needs change. Both acknowledged the country's many problems, from fraying public services to a broken immigration system. But neither could say outright, when asked, where the money would come from to fix them.

Sunak stressed his stewardship of the economy, which has seen inflation fall to just over 2%



Labour Party leader Keir Starmer (left) and Conservative Party leader and PM Rishi Sunak debate, as ITV hosted the first head-to-head debate of the general elections, in Manchester.

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from a peak of more than 11% in late 2022. He said should stick with him because his "clear plan" for the economy was working.

Starmer said the election was a choice between more "chaos and division" with the Conservatives and "turning the page and rebuilding with Labour".

Polls currently give centre-left Labour a double-digit lead. To win, Starmer must persuade voters who previously backed the Tories that Labour can be trusted with the UK's economy, borders and security.

Speaking in front of a live audience on a sleek, futuristic set at the studios of broadcaster

ITV in Salford, northwest England, both Starmer and Sunak appeared nervous. Voters may have got the impression their choice is between two cautious and rather dull managers.

Both stuck to familiar themes. Sunak argued Labour would raise taxes because "it's in their DNA".

Sunak said he would stop people making dangerous journeys to the UK in small boats by sending asylum-seekers on a one-way trip to Rwanda, and suggested he'd be willing to take the UK out of the European Convention on Human Rights if its court blocked the deportations.

Starmer dwelled on the Conservatives' record during 14 years in power, especially the chaotic last few years, which saw Prime Minister Boris Johnson ousted amid money and ethics scandals. Successor Liz Truss, elected by party members, rocked the economy with her uncosted tax-cutting plans and quit after 49 days. Sunak took over, without a national election, in October 2022.

# US prez begins visit to France under shadow of Ukraine war

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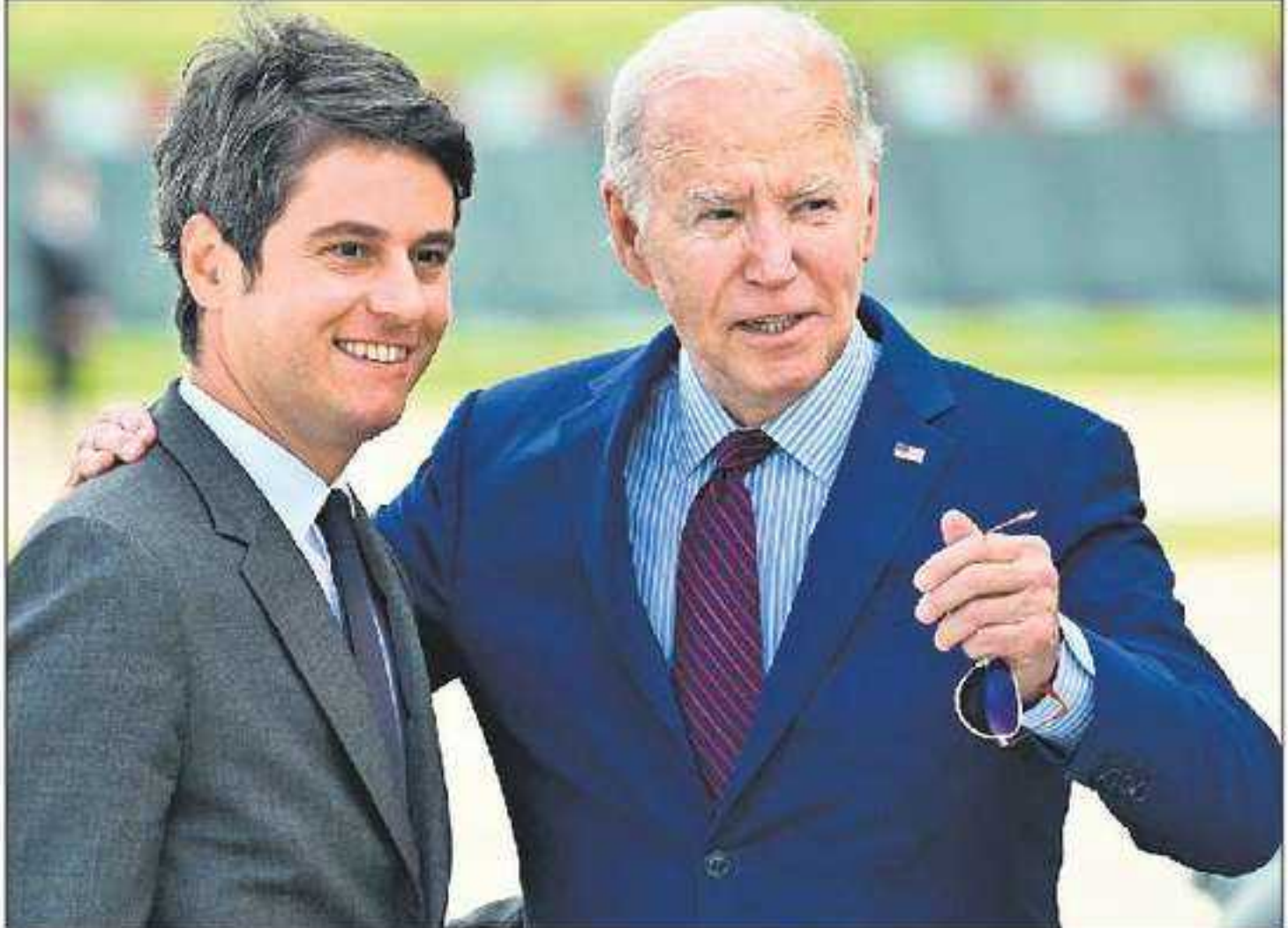
**PARIS:** US President Joe Biden on Wednesday began a state visit to France marking 80 years since the World War II D-Day landings, with a new war shadowing Europe as Ukraine battles Russian invasion.

Along with French President Emmanuel Macron, British King Charles III and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Biden will on Thursday remember the heroism of the Allied troops who gave their lives often far from home in the landings on June 6, 1944 to free Europe from Nazi occupation.

For King Charles, it will be his first overseas visit since his cancer diagnosis.

While the sacrifice of Allied soldiers will be centre stage, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Italian President Sergio Mattarella will also be present as a sign of international post-World War II reconciliation.

Flying aboard Air Force One, Biden touched down at Paris Orly airport and, sporting his trademark aviator sunglasses, was welcomed by Prime Minister Gabriel Attal.



Joe Biden (right) is being welcomed by France's Prime Minister Gabriel Attal upon arrival at a Paris airport on Wednesday.

AFP

Biden was also expected to promote the United States as a defender of democracy and international alliances during his state visit to last until Sunday, contrasting himself against election rival Donald Trump.

But the war that has raged in Ukraine since Russia's February 24, 2022 invasion will take centre stage with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky also attending and scheduled to meet with Biden, according to

the White House.

No official from Russia has been invited, after Paris reversed plans to host lower-level representatives in recognition of the Soviet Union's immense contribution in World War II.

The most honoured guests will be the surviving veterans: Some 200 are expected, a number that is dwindling every year with most at least in their late 90s and some over 100.

## South Africa: ANC leans towards unity govt

**JOHANNESBURG:** The African National Congress (ANC) is leaning towards trying to form a government of national unity for South Africa, it said on Wednesday, but the second-largest party said it would not join a government that included some of its smaller rivals.

The ANC, which has run the country since Nelson Mandela led it to victory in the 1994 elections that marked the end of apartheid, lost its parliamentary majority in last week's election

for the first time in the democratic era. Punished by voters over persistent poverty and joblessness, rampant crime, rolling power blackouts and corruption, the ANC is still the largest party but can no longer govern alone after the May 29 vote.

It has been talking to five parties, ranging from the free-market Democratic Alliance (DA) to the Marxist Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), its spokesperson Mahlagi Bhegu-Motsiri told a press confer-

ence in Johannesburg.

"At this point in time the conversation is looking at the government of national unity because this is what the people of South Africa said to us," she said, adding that the party's National Executive Committee would discuss options on Thursday.

The ANC will have 159 seats out of 400 in the new National Assembly, while the DA will have 87. The populist uMkhonto we Sizwe (MK), led by former

president Jacob Zuma, will have 58 seats, the EFF 39, the socially conservative Inkatha Freedom Party 17 and the far-right Patriotic Alliance (PA) nine.

"If the (ANC's) idea is also to extend an invitation to all parties above a certain threshold to serve in the executive, which would include MK, the EFF and the PA, our negotiating team will not be empowered to conclude such an arrangement," said DA spokesperson Werner Horn.

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# Biden imposes asylum ban at the US-Mexico border as polls near

**WASHINGTON:** US President Joe Biden on Tuesday instituted a broad asylum ban on migrants caught illegally crossing the US-Mexico border, a major enforcement move in the run-up to November elections that will decide control of the White House.

Migrants caught crossing illegally could be quickly deported or turned back to Mexico under the measure, which will take effect just after midnight.

There will be exceptions for unaccompanied children, people who face serious medical or safety threats and victims of trafficking, the US Department of Homeland Security said.

Biden, a Democrat, has toughened his approach to border security as immigration has emerged as a top issue for Americans in the run-up to November 5 elections where he

will face Republican Donald Trump, who made a hardline stance on immigration a centrepiece of his administration and vowed a wide-ranging crack-down if re-elected.

Biden took office in 2021 vowing to reverse some of Trump's restrictive immigration policies but grappled with record levels of migrants caught crossing illegally, a trend that has strained US border authorities and cities receiving new arrivals.

During a White House press conference explaining the proclamation, Biden said asylum access would remain available to migrants who registered for an appointment using an app known as CBP One or used other legal pathways instead of crossing illegally.

"This action will help us gain control of our border and restore order into the process," Biden said.

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{ **SPACE MISSION** } BOEING HOPES TO STEP UP ITS COMPETITION WITH ELON MUSK'S SPACEX

## Starliner's spacecraft sends first astronaut crew to orbit

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**FLORIDA:** Boeing's new Starliner capsule flew its first crew of astronauts to space on Wednesday from Florida in a much-delayed test mission to the International Space Station (ISS), a milestone in the aerospace giant's ambitions to step up its competition with Elon Musk's SpaceX.

The CST-100 Starliner, with astronauts Barry "Butch" Wilmore and Sunita "Suni" Williams aboard, lifted off from the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, strapped to an Atlas V rocket furnished and flown by the Boeing-Lockheed Martin joint venture United Launch Alliance (ULA).

The gumdrop-shaped capsule and its crew were headed for a rendezvous with the International Space Station (ISS) following years of technical problems, delays and a successful 2022 test mission to the orbital laboratory without astronauts



A United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket, carrying astronauts Barry "Butch" Wilmore and Sunita "Suni" Williams (right) aboard Boeing's Starliner-1 Crew Flight Test, is launched on a mission to the ISS in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Wednesday.



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aboard. On Wednesday, the Atlas V's engines thundered to life in flaming clouds of exhaust and coolant-water vapor as the spacecraft roared off its launch pad into sunny skies from Florida's Atlantic Coast.

The rocket's upper stage separated from its lower section about four minutes into flight,

followed by Starliner's separation from the second stage. Now on its own, the spacecraft fired onboard thrusters to start pushing itself into orbit, mission managers said, a process that starts its 24-hour catch-up journey with the ISS, which orbits some 400km above Earth.

Starliner will need to execute

precise manoeuvres to dock with the ISS as planned on Thursday, demonstrate it can stay docked for about eight days, then safely return the two astronauts to Earth.

Boeing intends for Starliner to compete with SpaceX's Crew Dragon capsule, which since 2020 has been NASA's only vehi-

cle for sending ISS crew members to orbit from U.S. soil.

Mark Nappi, Boeing's Starliner programme chief, told a news conference, "We had just a perfect countdown and launch. ... We're on orbit with Butch and Suni, it's been a longtime coming. And we're really, really proud."



Amanda Knox

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## Italian court finds Amanda Knox guilty of slander

**FLORENCE:** An Italian court found American Amanda Knox guilty of slander on Wednesday and handed her a three-year jail sentence in a case related to the murder in 2007 of her British flatmate. The sentence will have no practical impact as it is covered by the time Knox spent in jail before her conviction for the killing of British student Meredith Kercher in Perugia was annulled in 2015.

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## US flies B-1B bomber during S Korea drill

**SEOUL:** The United States flew a long-range B-1B bomber over the Korean Peninsula on Wednesday for its first precision-guided bombing drill with South Korea in seven years. The drill comes as tensions are rising over North Korea's recent launches of rubbish-carrying balloons towards South Korea and other provocations.

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# A farewell moment where India could make history

Advancing to Round 3 of the FIFA World Cup qualifiers will be biggest achievement of my career: Stimac

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**KOLKATA:** “Of course, we would love to celebrate Sunil Chhetri’s last game but this is about India beating Kuwait. I will put it in a few words: we are ready.” Igor Stimac was trying to provide a context for a match beyond it being the farewell for an icon. Hard as it is to live down the sense of an ending, India must do exactly that on Thursday. It is what Chhetri would want.

For, at stake is a passage to where India have never been: the third round of the 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifiers. A finals berth in the 2027 Asian Cup is a perk that comes with the package.

“If we qualify to the third round, it will be the biggest achievement of my career as player and coach,” said Stimac. This from a man who has a World Cup bronze, a World Youth Championship gold, has coached Croatia, played in the Premier League and has a lounge named after him at Derby County.

“When I joined (in 2019), I had tried to keep emotions away. Over time, I failed to do that and now I feel more Indian than many. It is said if you can make one person happy, you have done well. Here is an opportunity to make 1.4 billion happy. This is a game that can change the future of Indian football,” said Stimac.

To a room that had nearly 200 journalists, Chhetri took the idea forward. “So many of you have come for this game. Imagine India playing Japan or Australia here in the third round. I am getting goosebumps.”

For any of that to happen, victory against Kuwait is a must. That will take India to seven points and take Kuwait out of the equation for the second place in the four-team group A where Qatar are in pole position. If Qatar beat Afghanistan on Thursday, it will virtually seal the second spot for India and a berth among Asia’s elite 18. That will mean 10 matches against quality opponents between September and June 2025.

Which was why the captain and coach tried to play down all talk of the final goodbye. “This is one of the biggest games I have played in 19 years,” said Chhetri. “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.” But with players saying they want to do it for Chhetri and over 60,000

expected at Salt Lake stadium, managing emotions will be crucial.

A reference point in Asian football after playing the 1982 World Cup finals, Kuwait have slipped since and are ranked 139, 18 slots behind India. “With our knowledge and experience, we are trying to help but the process takes time. I think we are on the right track,” said Rui Bento, the former Portugal international and Kuwait’s head coach since 2022.

In three matches last year, India were unbeaten against them. The first two in the SAFF Championship ended 1-1 with India winning the final in the tie-breaker. Last November, India beat them away 1-0. “It will be a battle,” said Chhetri.

They have good individual quality, said Stimac. “Even though Kuwait lost twice to Qatar (0-3 and 1-2), I thought they did really well in the second game.”

“We are better prepared now than we were in 2023,” said Bento. Near the end of their league season, the squad trained for a week in Bangkok before coming here.

In five matches since playing Kuwait away last November, India have scored only once. But a three-week preparatory camp in Bhubaneswar and here has given Stimac a “good headache in terms of selection,” said Chhetri. “The players I will choose are the best at this moment, not how good they were one month ago,” said Stimac.

He said Gurpreet Singh Sandhu will start in goal because of his experience. A member of the coaching staff said Rahul Bheke and Anwar Ali are likely to be in central defence with Nikhil Pojary as right-back. With the in-form Lalengmawia Ralte (Apua) opting out to prepare for a post-graduate examination, Jeakson Singh and Suresh Wangiam could pair in central midfield with Liston Colaco, Lallianzuala Chhangte and Sahal Abdul Samad starting ahead of them. Chhetri will operate as striker.

Since the game against Kuwait away, there has been no impact from the bench, said Stimac. “That has been terrifying for me and we have spoken about that.” It is possible that forward David Lalhlansanga and midfielder Edmund Lalrindika, who have made the squad from the I-League, will get minutes on Thursday or against Qatar on June 11.

It is also possible that Jay Gupta will get his first start. Chhetri has said he wouldn’t care if Sandhu scored the winner or it came from an own goal, but how about left-back Gupta setting it up for him, arrival and departure conjuring up a perfect farewell? It could turn out differently but when do you dream if not the night before kick-off?



# It's the worst version of me: Ding on his struggles

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**BENGALURU:** Ding Liren pauses to collect his words often, throws in a self-deprecating remark of being the ‘worst version’ of himself right now and says he wants to hit ‘restart’. The last bit is the glimmer of self-affirmation in a man — 31 years of age, reigning world chess champion, struggling with demons and a freefall of results. It’s a rest day at the Norway Chess in the seaport city of Stavanger and Ding has plans to play a soccer game the organisers are putting together.

It’s been a rough tournament for the Chinese player — zero classical wins in eight rounds and bottom-placed with two rounds remaining. “I’ve had four losses in a row... I even considered withdrawing from the tournament,” Ding told HT in an interview on Wednesday. “But I stayed and continued playing. I thought I’d try to play better and get better results. But I’m now in last place.”

Since his World Championship win last year, Ding has battled depression and sought treatment. He’s seen the concerned remarks of his colleagues at Norway Chess about him not being quite himself and those of his anxious, involuntary body movements at times during games. He says he doesn’t mind the comments. Of course he’s also perhaps the nicest chess player you’ll meet — unassuming, soft-spoken and kind to a fault with his child-like, guileless smile reaching his eyes even when he’s speaking his harshest truth. “I’m here as I’m if not here. It’s the real me, not a fake one,” he says, laughing. “It’s just the worst version of me.”

For now, he’ll take the minimevents — a good position, a couple of split points. Baby steps. Like his Round 8 match against world No 2 Fabiano Caruana who’s not having the best tournament and is just one spot above him in the standings. Ding had an advantage in the classical game but he squandered it and settled for a draw. In the Armageddon too, Ding went from completely winning to an equal



Reigning world chess champion Ding Liren.

endgame and a draw sufficed for Caruana to take the match. “I had the better position even though I did not win in the end. But it showed that I can still compete at the highest level.... To think carefully, to think longer, to totally focus on the game is what I’m finding most challenging. My openings aren’t as good as the others so they can surprise me on many occasions.”

The world champion has during the course of this tournament, dropped out of the top 10 in the live ratings. He’s not even the highest-ranked Chinese player at this point. Wei Yi is four spots ahead of him with a live rating of 2755. It’s a hard reconciliation. “I want to stop the bleeding, I want to stop losing more rating points. Now my ranking is out of the top 10... I believe it’s fair because my level has dropped and my chess has not been as good as before.”

Ding says him being emotional and out of sorts during last year’s World Championship was a “different story” from the mental health issues he fought after the title. “Earlier, I wasn’t emotional. After some things happened in life, I’ve become more emotional. Now after each loss...how do I put it. I’m very sad, very upset.”

“I was in very bad shape at least two times (after the WC win). It was only after I saw a doctor and started taking medicines that my mental condition stabilised.”

The year-end World Championship against India’s D Gukesh isn’t on his mind yet. “Still many months to go. After I get back to China I will start to prepare a little bit.”

He’s forthright about the world title robbing him of his motivation for the game. “Many people perhaps see me as an idol or as a superhero. They admire me for having achieved the ultimate goal,” Ding says, before offering some self-assessment. “Since I’m playing so badly, there’s a lot of room for improvement. For me, it’s not about winning tournaments right now...it’s about still competing with the world’s best players. After I won the title, my passion for chess dropped a lot. I need to restart and be back to winning mode.”

In his road to recovery, Ding perhaps finds a streak of inspiration in Juventus and Italy footballer Federico Chiesa. “I love Chiesa...Though he’s had tough injuries in recent years, he recovered. He has a chance to play in the European Cup. I hope he can do well.”

# Once beaten, toughened up Nishant seals Olympic spot

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**NEW DELHI:** Two months ago, Nishant Dev was devastated after losing his Olympic quota bout to 2021 World Championships silver medalist Omari Jones of USA. Nishant put up a strong fight, taking an early lead throwing quick jabs, but it wasn’t enough. So, when the opportunity came to seal the Paris quota this time at the World Olympic Qualification event in Bangkok, Nishant didn’t want to leave anything to chance.

Giving a clinical performance in all three bouts, Nishant booked his berth for Paris Olympics. In the quota-deciding bout, the 23-year-old defeated Moldova’s Vasile Cebotari by a 5-0 verdict. “I was better prepared this time, physically and mentally. I lost in the previous qualifier by a very small margin, so this time I wanted to make sure I did not make any errors. In the ring, I could not understand what had happened but when I went to the change room, it dawned on me what I had lost. I was heartbroken for the next few days,” he said.

With not much time left for the final qualification tournament, Nishant regrouped quickly. “I spoke to my team and got back to the ring after a small break from the camp. I worked on my stamina



Nishant Dev.

and endurance. I generally tire in the last round, but you saw that this time I was holding on. In fact, I was enjoying the third round. I also wanted to dominate from the first round and all these changes and the hard work I had put in made it comfortable for me.”

Having returned without earning any Olympic berth in the previous two qualification events, the men’s team was under immense pressure to deliver. To make matters worse, high performance director Bernard Dunne resigned. “After Italy, everyone was worried because we could not win a single berth. We started afresh trying to forget what had happened. Actually, we performed well. Some of us lost close bouts. Dunne’s resignation did not impact much in terms of training because coach Dmitry (Dmitruk) was there and he used to train us earlier also.”

Nishant, a World Championships bronze medalist, has been

one of the most consistent boxers in recent times. He packs power in his punches and can also adapt in the ring. Showing good foot movement and fast hands, Nishant was able to keep his opponents guessing while scoring. He used the combination of right jab and left cross to great effect against Cebotari. “I am quick and I have power. But my strength is that I can adapt to my opponent’s style. If my opponent is fast or has powerful punches, I know how to break him down. International experience over the last few years has helped me choose different game-plans and execute it in the ring. My confidence was very high this time, so all the bouts were comfortable. My timing of punches was good and I was able to mix it up well, using speed, feints.”

Nishant and Amit Panghal are the only men’s boxers to qualify. Four women have also qualified for Paris. It will be Nishant’s first Olympics and the 71kg class will not be easy. “It is the toughest weight class. In the last qualifier, there were around 74 boxers and the number was similar this time. You have boxers coming from 69kg, 67kg and 75kg. There are two world champions who have qualified. You need power, speed and skills. I want to go fully prepared making strategies for all my opponents. I want to give my best in every bout.”

# Maiden semi-finalists: Paolini, Andreeva make it a day for the underdogs in Paris

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**MUMBAI:** It is rare for a first-time Grand Slam quarter-finalist to knockout a top five player. It’s rarer still for a first-time Grand Slam quarter-finalist, just 17 years old, to do that. And for both these results to happen on the same day is perhaps unimaginable. But that’s exactly what French Open fans got to witness on Wednesday as Jasmine Paolini and Mirra Andreeva sent shock waves across the tennis world.

Paolini, 28, whose previous best Grand Slam run was reaching the 2024 Australian Open fourth round, got the better of fourth seed and 2022 Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 on Court Philippe-Chatrier, while teenager Andreeva followed up with a 6-7(5), 6-4, 6-4 win over second seed and two-time Australian Open champion Aryna Sabalenka.

Italian Paolini and Russian Andreeva are at vastly different stages of their careers. But on Wednesday, there was a similar blend of composure and tenacity in their game against two of the favourites at Roland Garros this year.

They made it the day of the underdog and set up the most unexpected semi-final meeting.



Russian Mirra Andreeva celebrates after beating Belarusian Aryna Sabalenka.

It isn’t every day that you see a player announce her arrival 13 years after turning pro. But the years of hard work Paolini had put in was visible in the skill and calmness with which she played to win over the Parisian crowd. Having won her first WTA Tour match in 2018, it wasn’t until the Australian Open this year that Paolini got past the second round at a Grand Slam.

After spending years in the shadows, where she claimed just

one title (Portoroz, 2021), she won the WTA 1000 Dubai Open in February to enter the top 20. She followed that up with the women’s doubles title in Rome and has carried forward that form to Roland Garros.

Against Rybakina, she began the match with immense confidence and closed it out like a top professional. The first set saw the 12th seed lose just two points on serve and make one unforced error. She squandered an opportunity to win in straight sets but regrouped to get the job done. Rybakina was definitely not at her best, making a staggering 48 unforced errors. Paolini deserved all the credit for rattling her opponent from the start. She made up for her diminutive stature (5’4”) with incredible movement and power from the back of the court.

Andreeva had announced herself by reaching the Wimbledon fourth round last year. She backed that up by reaching the Australian

Open Round of 16 in January, and is chasing her first title. On Wednesday, she became the youngest Grand Slam semi-finalist since Martina Hingis in 1997, also at Roland Garros.

Against Sabalenka, Andreeva was expected to put up a fight, but she surpassed expectations with a sensational performance.

The Russian teen was a break up in the opening set but couldn’t hold on after a few nervous errors. Sabalenka seemed to be struggling physically from the start and called for the trainer many times, but it seemed she would close out the match from 4-4 in the second set. But Andreeva showed why she’s rated by many as the next big thing with a clinical performance from there. She remained unperturbed when Sabalenka threatened to make a comeback in the decider, closing out the win in two hours and 29 minutes.

**Bopanna-Ebden advance**  
Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden beat 10th seeds Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen of Belgium 7-6(3), 5-7, 6-1 to reach the men’s doubles semi-finals. The second seeds, who won this year’s Australian Open, were under pressure after losing the second set but cruised through the third. They will face Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori next.



# India's opener not even a warm-up

On a wicket that had something for the pacers, Pandya and Co ran through the Irish in quick time

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**NEW DELHI:** If this T20 World Cup is supposed to be an advertisement for cricket and appeal to unfamiliar viewers trickling into the venues in the United States, it isn't fulfilling that purpose in its opening week. For the second successive game at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in Long Island, New York, the team batting first was bowled out for a total below 100. On Monday, Sri Lanka were bundled for 77 as South Africa's Anrich Nortje led the way with a four-for. On Wednesday, Ireland folded up for 96 after a collective bowling effort by India. Hardik Pandya took 3/27 while player-of-the-match Jasprit Bumrah and Arshdeep Singh claimed two each.

The gulf in quality meant India cruised to the target with 46 balls in hand to open their campaign with an eight-wicket win. But both matches have been played on tricky drop-in pitches which are far from desirable for this format. The slow outfield hasn't helped matters either. The only concern for India, however, was skipper Rohit Sharma retiring hurt on 52 after 10 overs due to a blow on his right forearm off left-arm pacer Josh Little. The incident had occurred in the ninth over, to which he responded by pulling the next two balls for sixes. India will hope Rohit is fine for their next game in Group A against Pakistan on Sunday.

While there isn't much else to mull over from this fixture, India's playing combination was interesting nevertheless. Yashasvi Jaiswal's omission was apparent from the warm-up game against Bangladesh. But the composition of India's bowling attack entailed surprises on two counts. One, they chose to go in with all three specialist pacers available in the squad with Pandya providing the fourth seam-bowling option. Two, left-arm wrist-spinner Kul-



India players celebrate the dismissal of Ireland's Harry Tector during their Group A match in the ICC T20 World Cup at Nassau County International Stadium in New York Wednesday.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

**Group C**  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA VS UGANDA  
Time: 5AM (IST) | Venue: Providence

**Group B**  
AUSTRALIA VS OMAN  
Time: 6AM (IST) | Venue: Bridgetown

**Group A**  
USA VS PAKISTAN  
Time: 9PM (IST) | Venue: Dallas

**Group B**  
NAMIBIA VS SCOTLAND  
Time: 12:30AM (IST) | Venue: Bridgetown

deep Yadav, a match-winner in white-ball cricket over the past couple of years, was left out for Axar Patel.

The pace-heavy attack was appropriate for Wednesday given the early start, the presence of cloud cover and uncertainty about the nature of the surface. After opting to bowl, India's pace battery quickly hit their stride too. Arshdeep and Mohammed Siraj set the tone by capitalising on the lateral movement that was available right through. There was also variable bounce—a delivery from Arshdeep in the opening over went on the bounce to the wicket-

keeper while a few rose steeply from a length—to keep the batters guessing.

Arshdeep struck twice in a two-run third over. Ireland skipper Paul Stirling departed when he only managed a top edge on an attempted pull. It helped Rishabh Pant, returning for India after last playing at the highest level in December 2022 due to a car accident, quickly get into the thick of the action as he ran back a few

metres to settle under a skier and complete the catch. Five balls later, Andy Balbirnie, the other opening batter for Ireland, was bowled by his own doing. The ball wasn't threatening, but Balbirnie paid the price for trying to open the face of his bat and run it through third man. At 9/2 after three overs, this was far from the ideal start for Ireland. If they were under the impression that the pressure would ease up, they were grossly

mistaken of course. Charging in was Bumrah in the sixth over, instantly getting the ball to jag in and away in an opening over that didn't cost a run. Another bowling change was effected in the seventh over as Rohit—he played under Pandya at Mumbai Indians in the recently-concluded IPL—brought the all-rounder into the attack. Pandya hadn't had much to cheer about during MI's bottom-placed finish, but early signs are that a change in jersey and surroundings may just uplift the 30-year-old's fortunes. Having smashed an unbeaten 40 off 23 balls in India's warm-up game

against Bangladesh a few days ago, he had a good outing with the ball on this occasion. Just five balls into his first over, he breached the gap between Lorcan Tucker's bat and pad with a nip-backer that hit the woodwork. Tucker had scooped Siraj and cut Arshdeep for two fours, but erred in his shot selection against Pandya. "I really liked the first wicket. Generally, I don't hit the stumps often, I have a tendency to bowl back of a length, but on this wicket, I needed to be a lot fuller to be in the game," Pandya would say at the mid-innings break.

## SCORECARD

<b>Ireland</b>		
A Balbirnie b Arshdeep	5	(10)
P Stirling c Pant b Arshdeep	2	(6)
L Tucker b Pandya	10	(13)
H Tector c Kohli b Bumrah	4	(16)
C Campher c Pant b Pandya	12	(8)
G Dockrell b Bumrah b Siraj	3	(5)
G Delany run out	26	(14)
M Adair c Dube b Pandya	3	(2)
B McCarthy c & b Patel	0	(6)
J Little b Bumrah	14	(13)
B White not out	2	(4)
<b>Extras</b> (lb 5, nb 1, w 9)	<b>15</b>	
<b>Total</b> (all out, 16 overs)	<b>96</b>	
<b>FoW</b> 1-7, 2-9, 3-28, 4-36, 5-44, 6-46, 7-49, 8-50, 9-77.		
<b>Bowling</b> Arshdeep 4-0-35-2, Siraj 3-0-19-1, Bumrah 3-1-6-2, Pandya 4-1-27-3, Axar 1-0-3-1, Jadeja 1-0-7-0.		
<b>India</b>		
R Sharma retired hurt*	52	(37)
V Kohli c White b Adair	1	(5)
R Pant not out	36	(26)
S Yadav c Dockrell b White	2	(4)
S Dube not out	0	(2)
<b>Extras</b> (w 6)	<b>6</b>	
<b>Total</b> (for 2 wks, 12.2 overs)	<b>97</b>	
<b>FoW</b> 1-22, 1-76*, 2-91		
<b>Bowling</b> Adair 4-0-27-1, Little 4-0-42-0, McCarthy 2-2-0-18-0, Campher 1-0-4-0, White 1-0-6-1.		

Bumrah followed it up by dismissing Harry Tector in the next over. Having pushed and prodded for 4 off 15 balls, Tector's misery ended when a brute of a bouncer from Bumrah rushed him. Targeted at his head, Tector thought of pulling but was a fraction late in his response, the ball hitting his glove and deflecting onto his helmet before lobbing to Virat Kohli at cover.

From 36/4, Ireland slid further to 44/5, 46/6 and 49/7 in quick succession as Pandya added to his tally. The pitch wasn't favourable for strokeplay, but Ireland didn't help themselves with some reckless options in the circumstances. Axar, too, joined in on the act with a caught and bowled in the 12th over—his only over of the innings—to claim Ireland's eighth wicket. Only two batters had reached double figures till then, but Gareth Delany and Josh Little swung the bat towards the end and managed to help Ireland reach 96 before a run out brought an end to their innings.

## NETHERLANDS OPEN CAMPAIGN WITH SIX-WICKET WIN OVER NEPAL

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**DALLAS:** Netherlands beat Nepal by six wickets with eight balls remaining in a contest that was delayed by rain at the Grand Prairie. The Dutch opted to bowl first and dismissed Nepal for 106 in 19.2 overs, led by captain Rohit Paudel's 37-ball 35. Tim Pringle (3/20 in four overs) and Logan van Beek (3/18 in 3.2 overs) did the damage as Nepal lost wickets at regular intervals on a surface suited for fast bowlers. Dutch opener Max O'Dowd led the successful chase, hitting 54\* in 48 balls as his team finished on 109/4 in 18.4 overs.

Nepal's hopes were briefly raised when Netherlands dropped to 80/4 in the 16th over. But O'Dowd and Bas de Leede (11\*) shared an undefeated 29-run partnership for victory. **Brief scores:** Nepal 106 in 19.2 overs (Paudel 35, Pringle 3/20, Van Beek 3/18, Van Meekeren 2/19). Netherlands 109/4 in 18.4 overs (O'Dowd 54\*, Vikramjit 22, Airee 1/6). **Netherlands won by 6 wickets.**

## ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND SHARE POINTS AFTER RAIN

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**BRIDGETOWN:** Defending champions England and Scotland shared points after their World Cup opener ended in a no result because of rain. England went into Tuesday's game as favourites but Scottish chances increased significantly when rain set in.

Scotland openers George Munsey and Michael Jones made a spirited 90/0 in a revised 10-over innings before England's target was recalculated up to 109 in 10 overs under DLS. But rain prevented any further play, making it the first washout of the tournament.

The first ever T20I between England and Scotland had already twice been interrupted before rain intensified.

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## A fine rapport between Oz skippers

Cummins has led Australia to world titles in ODIs and Tests. He did well in IPL too but he's happy to take a back seat as Marsh leads

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**MUMBAI:** If you are not following Australia cricket closely and happened to be asked about who is the leader of their team at the T20 ICC World Cup, chances are you will name Pat Cummins. Isn't he the obvious choice as the most celebrated captain in world cricket at the moment?

In a glorious season, the fast bowler captained Australia to the World Test Championship title and followed it by leading them to the ODI World Cup triumph – playing both finals against India. In T20 cricket, he only enhanced his leadership credentials as captain of Sunrises Hyderabad in the IPL leading them to the final with an highly aggressive style of cricket.

Interestingly, as he slips on his national colours in the Caribbean and the United States for the ICC tournament, Cummins will now take a back seat to play under Mitch Marsh. There would be an obvious temptation for the Australia selectors to name Cummins as

### Leading the Aussie challenge

**MITCH MARSH IN T20IS**

Matches  
**54**  
Average  
**34.09**  
Strike rate  
**135.34**

**RUNS**

**1,432**

**AS CAPTAIN**

Matches  
**8**  
Average  
**69.20**  
Strike rate  
**170.44**

**RUNS**

**346**



**Australia in T20 WCs**

The reigning ODI and Test champ will look to complete dominance

captain but they have to take into account his heavy workload as an all-format player and permanent Test captain.

For the cricket fans from the subcontinent, this kind of captaincy arrangement will be difficult to imagine. In India and Pakistan cricket, the appointment of captains is rarely smooth. It was seen again ahead of the T20 World Cup with lack of clarity before Rohit Sharma was finally

declared ahead of Hardik Pandya. There was even more drama in Pakistan where first Babar Azam was sacked after the team's ODI World Cup debacle, Shaheen Shah Afridi appointed before Babar was reinstated for the T20 World Cup.

#### Quietly in the mix

On the other hand, Cummins has slipped into a normal player's role without any fuss

over his exalted status. The rapport between the two leaders is at the heart of how the Australian team functions -- Marsh was Cummins deputy at the ODI World Cup held in October-November in India.

In his interview with the Cricket Australia website on reaching Barbados for the World Cup, the 32-year-old Marsh spoke about their bond. "He (Cummins) is just a great friend, he has become a bit of

mentor, just the way he goes about things, we got a great relationship, and I feel lucky to have him in our team as a player and as a person, a leader within our group, we have got lot of them. Hopefully, it will make my job a lot easier," said the Australia captain.

Australia open their T20 World Cup campaign against Oman on Thursday.

Ever since he led Australia to the Under-19 World Cup title

in 2010, Marsh was marked out as a future leader. His senior career, however, didn't go as per expected lines. Despite coming from a proud cricket family, father Geoff and brother Shaun both being Test cricketers), it took a long time for him to establish himself.

The transformation came with his match-winning knock in the 2021 T20 World Cup final – 77\*/50 balls, vs New Zealand, and in the 2023 Ashes Test at

Headingley, when Marsh playing his first Test in four years hammered a counter-attacking 102-ball century, the fastest by an Australian in England since 1902, to lift the side from 85/4.

He hasn't looked back since. In early 2024, he was named the Allan Border Medalist, awarded to the most outstanding Australian men's cricketer of the past year. And in an emotional speech at the event Marsh paid tribute to his Test and ODI captain Cummins for believing in him and allowing him to be himself.

An easy-going individual, Marsh is a natural leader and more in the mould of India captain Rohit, who believes in creating a calm and fun environment.

"Given thought to how you want to do things: Staying true to myself, we are blessed with a really experienced group, so not much has to change, keeping the environment relaxed, allow guys to express themselves and big thing for me is for us to have fun.

"We do understand there are high pressure situations in tournaments like this, and we have to face them head on about we can also have a lot of fun while doing that, taking on the challenges, hopefully it's a good environment for guys to do that." Marsh said ahead of the T20 World Cup.

If he can inspire the Australia team to an impressive show this month, he can be their long-term white-ball captain beyond the World Cup.

### ASHWIN RETURNS TO CSK FAMILY TO OVERSEE HIGH PERFORMANCE CENTRE, ACADEMY

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**NEW DELHI:** India's premier off-spinner R Ashwin is set to take charge of the Chennai Super Kings High Performance Centre, potentially paving the way for his return to the franchise that propelled him into national reckoning.

CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan told PTI that Ashwin will oversee the centre as well as the team's various academies in India and abroad.

"Ashwin is one of the greats of India and Tamil Nadu and his presence will be a big boost to the high performance centre and our academies," he said.

The centre is located on the outskirts of Chennai.

The 37-year-old, who recently became the second Indian bowler to take 500 Test wickets after Anil Kumble, got to play for India following his exploits at CSK. He was part of the storied franchise from 2008 to 2015.

With the mega auction lined up, Ashwin could be back in the market and CSK would be more than happy to bring him into the fold. He played for Rajasthan Royals in the recently-concluded IPL season.

When asked if CSK would look to buy him at the auction, Viswanathan said: "We can't control what happens at the auctions. We will see what happens."

### DIRECTOR GENERAL PROJECT VARSHA NAVAL HEADQUARTERS GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI)

#### INTERFACE WORKS — DREDGING AND REVTMENT FOR PROJECT VARSHA

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Letter No.: GDMC/EC-1/Adv./Recruitment/2023-24/3164 Dated: 04.06.2024

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### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Subhash Singh S/o Rajender Singh R/o 106, Bhojpur, Garia, Atrouli, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh-202126 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case Reg. No. 11045/2017 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Rani Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Subhash Singh cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Subhash Singh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

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By Order

Ms. Divya Arora  
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate  
Room No. 112, First Floor  
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/6533/OD/2024(Court Matter)

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person MANISH KAUSHIK Sole Proprietor of M/s Kunal Trading Company at Shop No. 101, 1st Floor Pyare Lal Building Opp. Gauri Shankar Mandir Chandani Chowk, Delhi-110006, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. Case No. 11495/2018, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Sadar Bazar, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused MANISH KAUSHIK has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

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By Order

Ms. Divya Gupta  
Metropolitan Magistrate  
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/6834/N/2024  
(Court Matter)

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By Order,  
Sukhjeet Singh,  
Metropolitan Magistrate-03, North East District,  
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DP/6753/NE/2024

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By Order

Ms.Preeti Aggarwal  
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (East)  
Court No. 29,  
Karkardooma Court , Delhi

DP/6829/ED/2024  
(Court Matter)

### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



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6.	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (वित्तीय बीड) :-	तकनीकी बीड के उपरांत।	तकनीकी बीड के उपरांत।
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# What will be the fate of disinvestment plans?

Reduced majority forces BJP to work alongside allies with different priorities

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**NEW DELHI:** Privatization may take the backseat in the coming coalition government as a reduced majority forces the pro-reform Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to work alongside allies with different priorities, officials and experts said.

Strategic sales already in advanced stages like IDBI Bank, Shipping Corp. of India and BEML may take off in the second half of FY25, but other transactions and fresh disinvestments may not be as lucky, they said. In the past too, resistance from states was a key reason for the slow progress of divestments.

"Some of the state government entities (that are not aligned with the BJP, and now with NDA) have submitted bids for some of the strategic sales of PSUs knowing well that the rules do not permit it. In some cases, they've gone to courts to prevent



Strategic sales of IDBI Bank, Shipping Corp. of India and BEML may take off in the second half of FY25.

or stall the sale, which leads to further erosion of whatever value the asset may hold at that time," an official said.

According to a second official, since the PSUs are located in states, the Centre needs states' cooperation to provide approvals, and maintain and hand over the assets.

Besides IDBI Bank, where the government and LIC are jointly selling nearly 61% stake, divestment of NMDC's steel plant in Nagarnar in Chhattisgarh; SAIL's Salem steel plant; Indian Medicines Pharmaceuticals Corp. Ltd; Ferro Scrap Nigam Ltd; HLL Lifecare Ltd and Project & Develop-

ment India Ltd are in various stages. The Union Cabinet has approved the sale of Container Corp. of India Ltd, but the process is yet to begin. The Centre also plans to list NTPC Green Energy, and has begun the process for Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd.

Suresh Ganapathy, managing director and head of financial services research at Macquarie Capital said in a client note that the merger of public sector banks and disinvestment plans would take a back seat. "Yes, they indeed (would). Look, any unpopular move will be avoided clearly for the near term due to

reduced mandate," he said (this is in the email or he told us?). The Union budget in July would be "more populist," and the narrative would shift towards welfare schemes, Ganapathy said, adding the dividend bounty from the central bank that could have gone into capex would now move towards consumption schemes.

Tuesday's election results were a rude surprise for the stock markets, which had built up hopes of a thumping win for the Bharatiya Janata Party. While the National Democratic Alliance crossed the half-way mark, the numbers fell far short of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for 400-plus seats and pollsters' predictions of above 350.

Jeremy Zook, director and primary sovereign analyst for India at Fitch Ratings said that a weak-ed majority could pose challenges for the more ambitious elements of the government's reform agenda.

While the government has been successful in splitting land assets from PSUs on the block, the monetisation of land assets under the National Land Monetisation Corp is yet to take off.

# Byju's lenders drag more entities into bankruptcy

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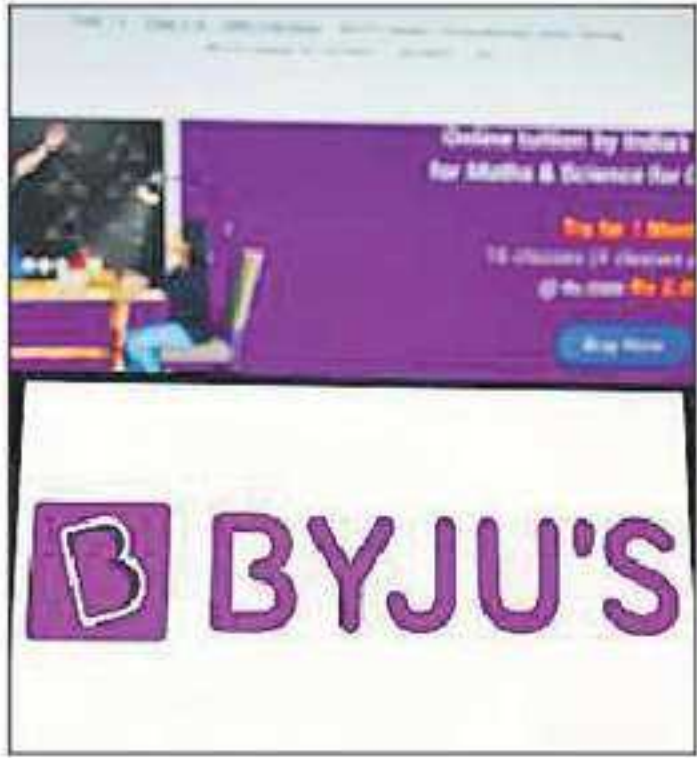
**BENGALURU:** A majority of edtech company Byju's lenders have filed petitions in the US to initiate involuntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings against three US-based guarantors of their \$1.2-billion term loan.

The petitions have been filed against Byju's reading platform Epic! Creations Inc, Neuron Fuel Inc., and Tangible Play Inc., the lenders said in a statement on Wednesday.

Glas Trust Co. Llc, a US-based non-banking loan agency representing more than 85% of the lenders, has been appointed as an administrative agent for the loan.

"Since Byju's began to default on its term loan obligations shortly after we provided Byju's Alpha (the US subsidiary of Byju's) with financing in 2021, we have made every effort possible to work productively and collaboratively to help Byju's cure its multiple defaults," the lenders said.

"However, it is clear that Byju's management has no intention or ability to honour its obligations. Indeed, Byju's founders, who also serve as the three directors of the overall enterprise—Byju Raveendran,



Loan defaults of \$1.2 bn spark proceedings in the US against three guarantors.

Riju Ravindran and Divya Gokulnath—an unlawfully diverted \$533 million in loan proceeds, the whereabouts of which are still unknown."

In February, soon after the company's key investors initiated moves to oust co-founder and CEO Raveendran, Alpha Inc. filed for bankruptcy after defaulting on the debt of \$1.2 billion.

Byju's US subsidiary initiated Chapter 11 proceedings in a Delaware court stating that it lacked funds to defend itself against litigation.

Alpha listed its assets in the range of \$500 million to \$1 billion, with estimated creditors numbering between 100 and 199, according to the court documents.

A person familiar with the latest petition by the lenders said bankruptcy proceedings hadn't been initiated against Epic, although in the Chapter 11 proceedings against Alpha, the lenders have asked Epic to produce documents.

A spokesperson for Byju's did not immediately respond to Mint's queries.

In September, Mint reported that the edtech firm had placed two of its businesses—Epic and higher-education platform Great Learning—up for sale to pay its term loan B lenders. Byju's had acquired these companies during the funding rush of 2021 to build its empire that had come to be valued at \$22 billion.

The company's valuation has since significantly eroded, with Byju's itself diluting its estimated worth for its controversial \$200-million rights issue.

Byju's had raised \$1.2 billion through a term loan B from overseas investors in November 2021, when interest rates were low.

However, relations between Byju's and its lenders have soured since, and interest rates have surged. The matter came to a head in June last year, when the company skipped an interest payment and took its lenders to court to prevent an acceleration of the repayment.

# STOCK MARKETS BOUNCE BACK 3% ON VALUE-BUYING

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**MUMBAI:** Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty made a strong comeback on Wednesday, rallying over 3% each after facing heavy drubbing in the previous trade on below-expectation poll results.

Bouncing back from Tuesday's debacle, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 2,303.19 points or 3.20% to settle at 74,382.24 on value buying in banking, auto and oil shares. During the day, it zoomed 2,455.77 points or 3.40% to 74,534.82.

The NSE Nifty climbed 735.85 points or 3.36% to 22,620.35. During the day, the benchmark soared 785.9 points or 3.59% to 22,670.40. Heavy buying in HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and Reliance Industries helped indices log sharp gains.

While the NDA is comfortably above the majority mark of 272 in the 543-member Lok Sabha, the BJP has fallen short of the magic number for the first time since 2014 and is critically dependent on its allies for government formation.

"Indian market exhibited a spirited recovery driven by broad-based buying across various sectors, as political stability appears assured. However, attention will remain on the formation of the government and the forthcoming RBI policy meeting," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

All the 30 Sensex companies ended in the green, with IndusInd Bank jumping over 7%.

"Despite the reduced majority, we expect the policy agenda of Modi 2.0 (investment-led growth, capex, infrastructure creation, manufacturing, etc.) to continue, although with some tweaks. "We also expect some populist measures to address rural stress and lift sentiments at the margin, given the nature of the verdict," a report by Motilal Oswal Research stated.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.14% to \$77.61 a barrel. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹12,436.22 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data.

# Services PMI cools to five-month low at 60.2 in May

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**NEW DELHI:** India's services sector growth softened to a five-month low in May following stiff competition, price pressures, and a severe heatwave.

The HSBC India Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global, fell to 60.2 in May from 60.8 in April and 61.2 in March and remained lower than February's 60.6. The reading, however, remained above the 50 mark, which separates expansion from contraction, for 34 months.

The index had hit a six-month peak of 61.8 in January.

May services PMI figure was below HSBC's projection of 61.4, mentioned in its Flash Services PMI Business Activity Index last month.

While both input costs and output charges rose, new orders from international markets expanded at the steepest pace since the inception of this series nearly ten years ago, the survey said. "Growth was reportedly supported by rising sales, productivity gains and demand strength. The upturn was somewhat hampered by competitive and price pressures," it added.

India's services sector—among the world's fastest-growing—accounts for more than half of the country's gross domestic product. The robust performance in recent months helped the country achieve its targeted economic growth for the financial year that ended on March 31.

While the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in February raised its GDP growth forecast for FY24 to 7% from the previous 6.5%, gross domestic product (GDP) for FY24 expanded at a blistering 8.2% after supported by January-March quarterly growth of 7.8%, according to government data released last week.

The RBI expects India's GDP growth for FY25 to be at 7%.

"India's service activity rose at



Price pressures, competition and heatwaves led to the softening in services.

a slightly softer pace in May, with domestic new orders easing slightly, but remaining robust, implying strong demand conditions and successful advertising. New export orders surged at a record pace, with broad-based demand from across the globe," said Maitreyi Das, Global Economist at HSBC.

"On the price front, cost pressures ticked up in May led by higher raw material and labour costs. Firms were only able to transfer a part of the price rise to customers," it added.

In terms of overall activity, aggregate output across both the manufacturing and service sectors fell in April, albeit at a slightly slower pace, indicating sustained health in these sectors.

Meanwhile, the HSBC India Composite PMI Output Index fell to 60.5 in May from 61.5 in April, and down from 61.8 in March and February's 60.6.

"Good news is the level of optimism about the year-ahead outlook rose at the fastest pace in eight months, leading service firms to increase their staffing levels," said HSBC's global economist Das. "Overall composite output rose at a slightly slower pace, led by slower rises in both factory production and service activity," Das added.

# India to acquire stake in Adnoc LNG terminal

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**NEW DELHI:** State-run Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc) has offered India a stake in its upcoming LNG liquefaction terminal at Ruwais in Abu Dhabi. In a related development, Indian Oil Corp. Ltd (IOC) plans to sign a long-term LNG deal to buy one million metric tonnes per annum (mmtpa) of clean fuel from Adnoc, said two people aware of the development.

If concluded, this would be India's first equity stake in an overseas LNG terminal, adding

heft to energy-security efforts by the world's third-largest energy consumer.

The development comes amid a growing partnership between India and the UAE, an Opec member. Prime Minister Modi has visited the country seven times in the past nine years and UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has visited India four times. India has also signed a free-trade agreement with the UAE. "Conversations are on at the government-to-government level," said one of the two people cited above.

The LNG project at Al Ruwais

Industrial City will have two 4.8-mmtpa LNG liquefaction trains with a total capacity of 9.6 mmtpa. This will double Adnoc's LNG production capacity to around 15 mmtpa. Adnoc has already signed three LNG agreements from the project with Germany's SEFE Marketing & Trading Singapore Pte Ltd, EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG (EnBW), and China's ENN Natural Gas. An Adnoc spokesperson wrote in an emailed response to Mint's queries, "We don't comment on market speculation," adding, "Adnoc's lower-carbon Ruwais LNG project con-

tinues to progress toward the final investment decision, expected this year."

India imports around 55% of its gas requirement to meet the growing demand from its fertiliser, power, and city gas distribution sectors. According to the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC), India's LNG imports increased 17.5% year-on-year by volume in FY24 to 23.5 mmtpa.

"Indian Oil Corp will also sign a long-term LNG deal to buy 1 mmtpa from Adnoc," said one of the people cited above. IOC had earlier signed an agreement with

Adnoc for the supply of 1.2 mmtpa of LNG from 2026.

The proposed deal is part of India's efforts to fortify its imports of LNG.

IOC previously signed a long-term contract with France's TotalEnergies for 1 mmtpa of LNG for around 10 years, as Mint reported. Petronet LNG also extended its contract with Qatar Energy LNG in February by signing a long-term deal for 7.5 mmtpa of LNG.

Queries emailed to spokespersons for India's ministry of petroleum and natural gas and IOC did not elicit a response.

# boAt to downsize wearables biz

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**BENGALURU:** At a time when smartwatches and earpods were still aspirational accessories for most Indians, boAt helped transform the domestic market for wearables and wireless audio sets by unleashing a range of affordable devices.

The startup began gaining prominence as it built up its market share. But as more Indians began using smartwatches and earpods that weren't from Garmin or Apple, more domestic companies saw an opportunity in making affordable wearables with the entry barriers lowered.

"You can now buy a smartwatch for ₹999. It's unheard of anywhere in the world," boAt's co-founder and CEO Sameer Mehta told *Mint*, adding that the company has decided to downsize its wearables business. boAt's market share in smartwatches slipped to 14% in 2023 from nearly 19% in the previous year, while rivals Fire Bolt and Noise secured the top two positions, as per estimates by market intelligence firm IDC.

In wearables, boAt also faces stiff competition from Tata Group's Titan and Pristyn Care's BeatzP, which has forced the company to reassess its



Co-founder and CEO Sameer Mehta said boAt will now steer its focus towards audio.

playbook.

"The average selling price over the last two years has tanked by about 68-70% in this space which isn't sustainable," said Mehta, adding that the slump in market growth has pushed the company to "take it slow". Founded in 2016 by Mehta and Aman Gupta, boAt's earphones and smartwatches rose in popularity marked by its affordable prices, successfully penetrating a country with price-conscious users. boAt is backed by marquee investors such as Warburg Pincus and Qualcomm Ventures, and has secured upwards of \$170 million in private funding till date at unicorn valuation.

In October 2022, the firm shelved plans to raise ₹2,000 crore through an initial public offering citing tough market conditions. The public-listing plan is still 18-20 months away, Mehta said, stating that the firm wants to perfect its internal metrics first.

boAt will now steer its focus towards audio—which contributes more than 80% of the total revenue—while it figures out how to regain momentum in wearables, Mehta noted.

While the firm projects business from audio products to grow by roughly 15% next year, it is expecting a haircut in top line growth in the wearables segment.

In the true wireless stereo (TWS) segment, boAt is a market leader, as per estimates by IDC. While wearables are perceived as a consumer tech product, consumers still perceive smartwatches as a fashion accessory, according to Anshika Jain, senior analyst at market research firm Counterpoint Research.

"With declining profit margins, downscaling seems like the right move for now. The brand can align its resources in the hearables segment where the brand is leading by far and can compete with other players," the analyst added.

# OTT platforms moving away from exclusive content

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**NEW DELHI:** Video streaming platforms are no longer insistent on keeping original content entirely exclusive and are syndicating it to rival players in some form or the other. While shows from *Atrangi*, an app owned by film, television and web content producer Vibhu Agarwal, are available on MX Player as well as Star Bharat, a TV channel, hoichoi shows are dubbed in Hindi for JioCinema. Earlier, ZEE5 and Ekta Kapoor-owned ALT Balaji, too, had announced a content alliance. Media and entertainment industry experts say the move is aimed at improving distribution, reach, and monetisation at a time when paid subscriptions have plateaued for



OTT platforms aim to improve distribution and reach.

all platforms and advertising is yet to take off. However, content costs are escalating and services have to keep a regular flow going, which such partnerships help with.

"It takes time and investment to create new content and we're

increasingly seeing that our Hindi dubbed business is big," Soumya Mukherjee, chief operating officer of Bengali streaming service hoichoi, said. While the platform's original Bengali programming remains its bread and butter, Mukherjee said it is a

good idea to explore dubbed versions of this content on other services that give consumers easy access to the company's huge library.

Sharing their originals with other OTT platforms helps the original IP (intellectual property) provider to ensure his content reaches a larger audience, agreed Rajat Agrawal, director of Ultra Media & Entertainment Group that operates Marathi language OTT platform Ultra Jhakaas. "This not only helps in garnering new and more eyeballs for their content but also ensures that the brand equity of original content is enhanced. It helps the original owner to measure the success of their content and plan strategies for the future," he said.

Syndication is the future for all OTTs, both national and

regional because national players watch out for good regional content which they can get from local OTTs, said Sandeep Bansal, managing director, Chaupal OTT, a platform specializing in Punjabi, Haryanvi and Bhojpuri content. Amazon Prime Video has added Chaupal to Prime Video Channels, its content aggregator offering. "The benefits are that the reach of the brand increases and you get more revenue, and the challenges are that you need smarter and good content to satisfy that particular audience," he said.

Without doubt, while bigger streaming players will fight to keep their content exclusive, a lot of smaller entities will need to look at these new means of monetisation, Mehul Gupta, co-founder and CEO of SoCheers, said.

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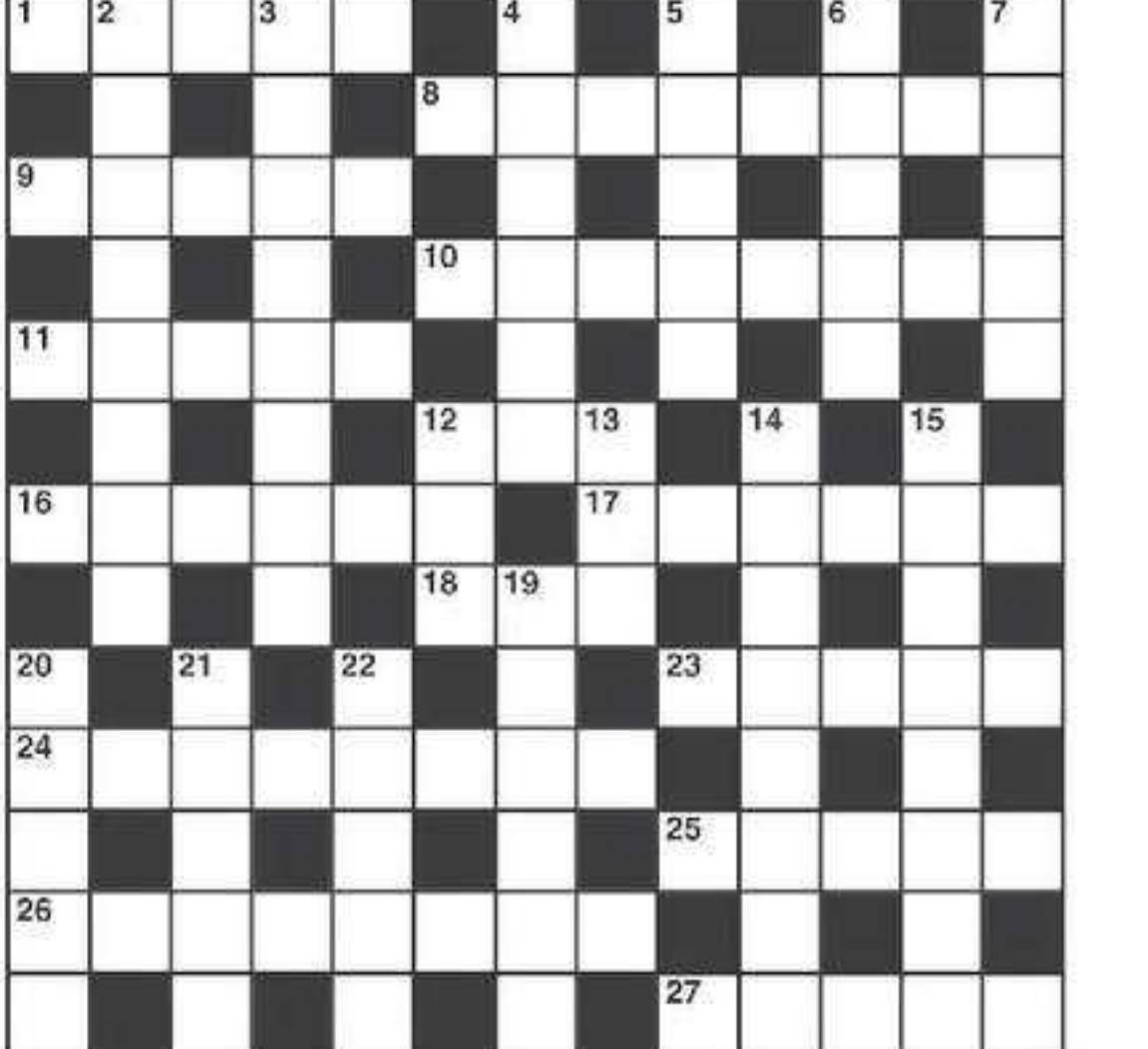
### CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Travels in France (5)
  - 8 Hardback produced by a printer (8)
  - 9 Stop at a certain point in a case (5)
  - 10 Regard for one of the family (8)
  - 11 Back rents suitably adjusted (5)
  - 12 The label is upside down. It often is (3)
  - 16 Girl with a new angle (6)
  - 17 Real change is starting in the Middle East (6)
  - 18 One great fighter pilot (3)
  - 23 Such insects used to be an afterthought (5)
  - 24 Devious ways to avoid overcrowding in cities (8)
  - 25 Carriage appears to have been upset (5)
  - 26 To encourage debts is false (8)
  - 27 Is prone to untruth? (5)

### DOWN

- 2 Subtle implication but a patently obvious one (8)
- 3 Keeps back funds (8)
- 4 She writes an article on exotic trees (6)
- 5 Experiment in hearing (5)
- 6 Spring in the country (5)
- 7 In the rain an eyeshade is silly (5)
- 12 A sheepish expression (3)
- 13 Join in the festivities (3)
- 14 Try a ruse to get Government money (8)
- 15 Said to be ordered in advance (8)
- 19 Soundly examine a bill of exchange (6)
- 20 Sailor on rough sea becomes humble (5)
- 21 Make a speech in the gutter (5)
- 22 It may be set for lunch (5)

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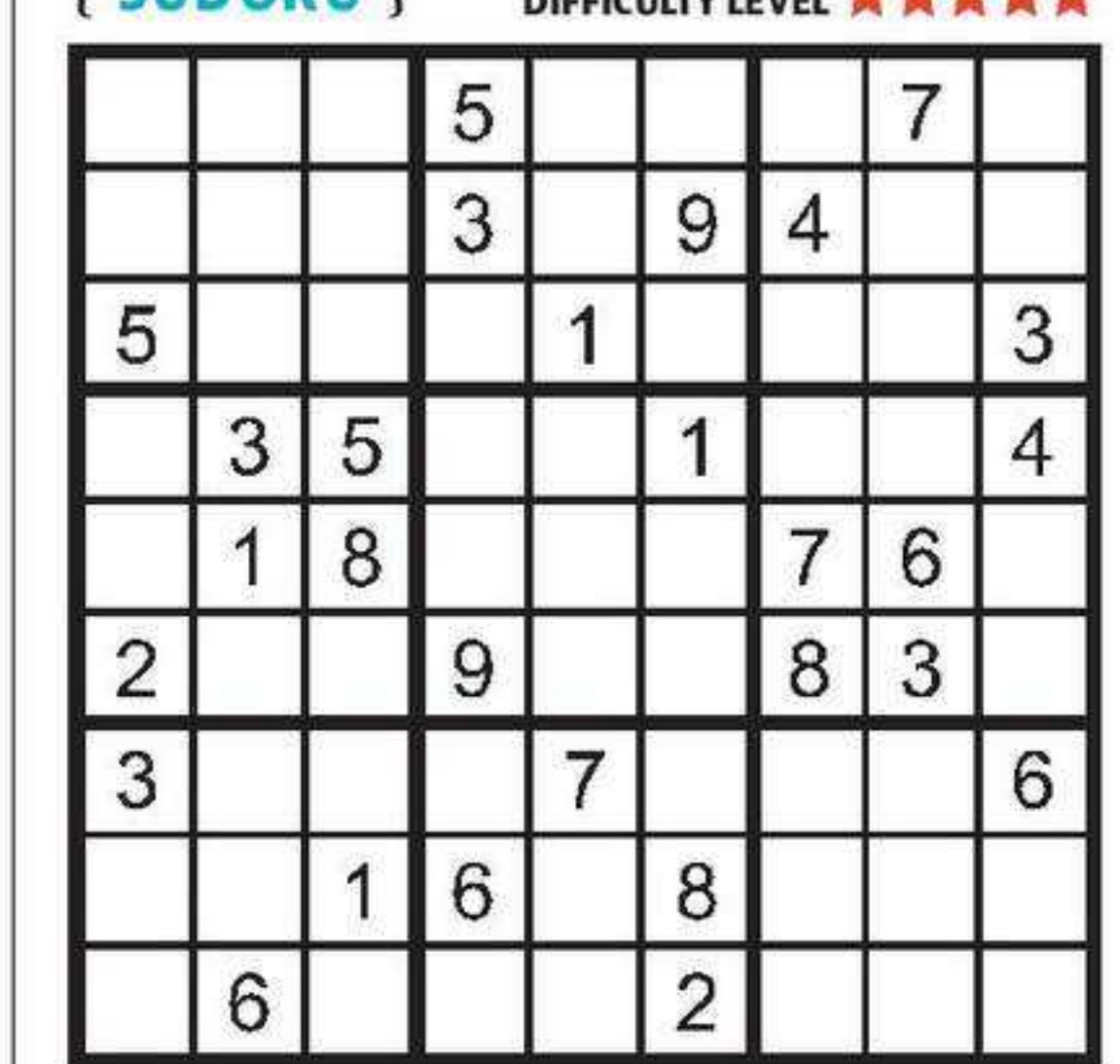
### QUICK CLUES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Perfect happiness (5)
  - 8 Centre of target (5-3)
  - 9 To message (5)
  - 10 Someone devoted to reading (8)
  - 11 Wind spirally (5)
  - 12 Pale (3)
  - 16 Immerse completely (6)
  - 17 Closely associated (6)
  - 18 To capture (3)
  - 23 Tastelessly bright (5)
  - 24 Guardian of public rights (8)
  - 25 Resentment (5)
  - 26 Aloof unfeeling person (4,4)
  - 27 Spasmodic (5)
- DOWN**
- 2 Person independent by choice (4,4)
  - 3 Farewell appearance (4,4)
  - 4 Small dome on roof (6)
  - 5 Accidental success (5)
  - 6 A bait (5)
  - 7 Sordid (5)
  - 12 An entanglement (3)
  - 13 Find fault constantly (8)
  - 14 Trivial inconvenience (8)
  - 15 Something doomed to failure (4,4)
  - 19 Str into activity (6)
  - 20 On two occasions (5)
  - 21 Musty (5)
  - 22 Make sore by rubbing (5)

## TUESDAY'S SOLUTIONS (16877)



## { SUDOKU } DIFFICULTY LEVEL ★★★★★



Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 9x9 squares contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

## { WEATHER }

TEMPERATURE • HIGH • LOW

**THURSDAY**  
Dust storm or Thunderstorm  
43°C | 30°C

**FRIDAY**  
Generally cloudy sky with light rain or drizzle  
43°C | 30°C

**SATURDAY**  
Strong surface winds during day time  
43°C | 30°C

**ALMANAC**  
Today is 6th June 2024  
• 28 Dhul Qadsh, 1445  
• 15 Jyeshtha, Krishna Paksha, Amavasya  
• Samvat 2081  
\* Sunset: Thursday at 07:17 p.m.  
\* Sunrise: Friday at 05:23 a.m.  
\* Moonset: Thursday at 07:25 p.m.  
\* Moonrise: Friday at 05:38 a.m.

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**I, CPL** Prakashchand S/o Sh Chiranjai Lal R/O 42 Pachola Mohalla, Near Post Office, Jona Pur, Delhi - 110047, have changed my name from Prakashchand to Prakash Chand Sharma as per affidavit dt. 05.06.2024

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