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BJP Falls Short Of Majority. 2 Coalition-Era Veterans Emerge Kingmakers

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New Delhi : One was arrested eight months back and spent two months in jail in a corruption case probed by his arch-rival's administration, the other was written off by many after the latest of his many flip-flops. The two have now emerged as kingmakers in this Lok Sabha election that have not given an absolute majority to the BJP. These two leaders are Bihar Chief Minister and JDU chief Nitish Kumar and Telugu Desam Party leader N Chandrababu Naidu.

Nearly 12 hours into the counting, TDP has won 16 seats on its own as the NDA dominated Andhra Pradesh with 21 wins out of 25 seats. In Bihar, Nitish Kumar's JDU is set to win 12 seats, the same as BJP, despite contesting fewer constituencies than its ally. As the poll picture became clearer by the evening, reports started doing the rounds that INDIA leaders are reaching out to the two veterans in their efforts to cobble together a majority. None of these were confirmed on record, as Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said they will hold a meeting with other INDIA allies tomorrow on the way forward.

At 9 pm, 13 hours after counting began, INDIA allies have together won 233 seats -- 39 short of the majority mark. The BJP-led NDA has crossed the majority mark with a tally of 291 -- 19 more than the majority mark. The BJP has scored 239 on its own -- 33 short of the magic figure. Among the 19 unaligned MPs are four from YSRCP and Independents. So, if the INDIA bloc wants to have a shot at power, they need a combo of JDU, TDP and some Independents too. The BJP, on the other hand, must retain them at all costs if they want to stay in power.

In fact, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge dropped a broad hint when he spoke of new partners in the party's presser this evening. "Until we talk to our alliance partners... and the new partners that could join us about how we could work together and get a majority, we will see. If I reveal all our strategies now, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will become wary ('hoshiyar ho jayenge')."

Mr Kumar's latest switch to the NDA, months after he led the efforts to stitch together an Opposition alliance, had drawn much ridicule, with many writing his political obituary. After decades of leading NDA in Bihar, Mr Kumar had to settle with less number of seats as the BJP made it clear who the boss is. Cut to June 4, and the JDU chief holds the upper hand. And with his history of flip-flops, the BJP cannot be too sure.

From winning three seats in 2019 to a score of 19 this year, Chandrababu Naidu has staged an epic comeback. Riding on TDP's shoulders, the BJP too managed three wins in a state it has no presence in. To add to it, TDP has also swept the Assembly polls. As someone who played a key role in propping up HD Devegowda and IK Gujral as Prime Minister during the coalition era of the 1990s, Mr Naidu has friends across the political divide.

BJP-led NDA parties to meet President. stake claim to form government

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New Delhi : The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance parties will meet President Droupadi Murmu today and stake claim to form a government under Narendra Modi's leadership, sources said.

The alliance partners held a meeting in Delhi today, a day after the Lok Sabha election results were announced, in which the NDA won 292 seats.

Home Minister Amit Shah, TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, and JDU leaders Lallan Singh and Sanjay Jha, were among those present at the meeting.

All eyes were on JDU, TDP and Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena, that could play a crucial role in government formation.

Ahead of attending the NDA partners' meeting in Delhi, Chandrababu Naidu had said, "We are in NDA. I am going for an NDA meeting. In the course of time, if there is anything we will report to you."

The TDP won 16 of the 25 Lok Sabha seats in Andhra Pradesh, while the JDU won 12 of the 40 seats in Bihar. The BJP fell short of a majority this time with victory on only 240 Lok Sabha seats. With the help of allies, the NDA won 292 seats.

Narendra Modi is set to form a government at the Centre for a third consecutive term.

The NDA meeting was organised in Delhi today to take stock of the Lok Sabha poll results and deliberate on the details of the formation of a new government, which is likely to be different in composition and character with a bigger share for the BJP's allies, news agency PTI earlier said.

Naveen Patnaik resigns as Odisha CM day after BJP wins assembly polls



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Bhubaneshwar : After facing a huge setback in the state assembly elections, the 24-year-old reign of Odisha Chief Minister and BJD chief Naveen Patnaik came to an end as he tendered his resignation to the state governor Raghubar Das at the Raj Bhavan in Bhubaneshwar today.

Since 1997, the Biju Janta Dal has reigned over Odisha for 27 years. However, in the recently held state assembly polls, it lost to the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP), breaking Patnaik's aura of invincibility in the state.

The BJP bagged 78 seats in the 147-seat state assembly, while the BJD trailed behind as it was only able to get 51 seats, followed by Congress's 14 seats.

In the Lok Sabha elections, the BJP also performed well, as it was able to secure 20 out of 21 general assembly seats in the state.

Patnaik had made his entry into state politics by winning the 1998 Lok Sabha by-poll from the Aska constituency. But, after BJD secured a victory in the 2000 assembly elections and formed a government in alliance with the BJP, Patnaik resigned from his post in the Union Cabinet to assume the role of the state's Chief Minister.

Since then, he has been the second longest-serving CM after Sikkim's Pawan Kumar Chamling.

High Court asks Centre to take call on AAP office space allotment in 6 weeks



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New Delhi : The Delhi High Court today asked the Centre to decide within six weeks on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) seeking allotment of space for its office. The High Court observed that AAP is entitled to space for a party office like other political parties.

Justice Subramonium Prasad said "pressure" or non-availability of a house in the general pool cannot be a reason for rejection of the request.

"They are entitled to a house from the general pool. Mere pressure or non-availability is no reason to reject it because pressure is always there and houses have always been allotted to political parties," the court stated.

AAP is seeking allotment of space for its office by the Centre on account of it being recognised as a national party.

In March, the Supreme Court asked the party to vacate its current office in Delhi's Rouse Avenue by June 15 after noting that the land was allotted to the Delhi High Court for expanding judicial infrastructure.

During the hearing, the party's counsel said that a unit on Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) Marg, which is presently with one of its city ministers, ought to be temporarily allotted to it.

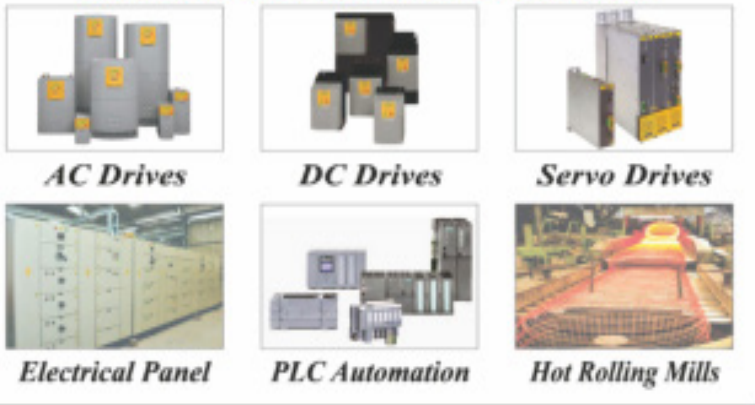
Justice Prasad said the party cannot claim entitlement to the DDU Marg property.

"If the AAP's representation is rejected by the Centre, the party can take appropriate steps," the judge added.

Last year, AAP approached the court seeking a piece of land in Delhi for the construction of its new office on grounds of being recognised as a national party or allotment of a housing unit on a licence basis for the time being.

The plea seeking allotment of land to the Arvind Kejriwal-led party is pending in the Delhi High Court.

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Lok Sabha Election 2024 List of winners

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The counting of votes is underway for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, which will decide who will be forming the government at the Centre. The elections were held in seven phases from April 19 to June 1 and the counting of votes started on June 4.

While the ruling NDA, led by the BJP, contested the polls under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Opposition put up a joint front INDIA in its bid to end the 10-year reign of the Modi government.

The major exit polls, including India-Today-Axis My India, have forecasted a substantial majority for the NDA, with the BJP poised to surpass its 2019 tally of 303 seats. This optimism has been reflected in the domestic equity indices, which opened at record highs on June 3, fueled by the projected return of the NDA government and a better-than-expected FY24 GDP growth rate of 8.2 per cent.

The Opposition's INDIA bloc, led by the Congress, has dismissed the exit polls, but the BJP remains optimistic about its performance, particularly in the South, where it is expected to make significant gains in states like Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.



STATE SEAT Winning Candidate Winning Party

Andaman & Nicobar Islands Andaman & Nicobar Islands Bishnu Pada Ray Bharatiya Janata Party

Andhra Pradesh Srikakulam Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu Telugu Desam Party

Vizianagaram Appalanaidu Kalisetti Telugu Desam Party

Aruku Gumma Thanuja Rani Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party

Visakhapatnam Sribharat Mathukumili Telugu Desam Party

Anakapalli CM Ramesh Bharatiya Janata Party

Kakinada Tangella Uday Srinivas Janasena Party

Rajahmundry Daggubati Purandheshwari Bharatiya Janata Party

Amalapuram GM Harish Telugu Desam Party

Narsapuram Bhupathi Raju Srinivasa Varma (B.J.P.Varma) Bharatiya Janata Party

Eluru Putta Mahesh Kumar Telugu Desam Party

Vijayawada Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) Telugu Desam Party

Machilipatnam Balashowry Vallabhaneni Janasena Party

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Hindupur BK Parthasarathi Telugu Desam Party

Chittoor Daggumalla Prasada Rao Telugu Desam Party

Arunachal Pradesh Arunachal West Kiren Rijiju Bharatiya Janata Party

Arunachal East Tapir Gao Bharatiya Janata Party

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Dhubri Rakibul Hussain Indian National Congress

Guwahati Bijuli Kalita Medhi Bharatiya Janata Party

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Darrang-Udalguri Dilip Saikia Bharatiya Janata Party

Nagaon Pradyut Bordoloi Indian National Congress

Kaziranga Kamakhya Prasad Tasa Bharatiya Janata Party

Sonitpur Ranjit Dutta Bharatiya Janata Party

LakhimpurPradan Baruah Bharatiya Janata Party

Dibrugarh Sarbanand Sonowal Bharatiya Janata Party

Jorhat Gaurav Gogoi Indian National Congress

Diphu (St) Amarsing Tisso Bharatiya Janata Party

Silchar (Sc) Parimal Suklabaidya Bharatiya Janata Party

Karimganj Kripanath Mallah Bharatiya Janata Party

Bihar Valmiki Nagar Sunil Kumar Janata Dal (United)

Paschim Champaran Dr Sanjay Jaiswal Bharatiya Janata Party

Purvi Champaran Radha Mohan Singh Bharatiya Janata Party

Sheohar Lovely Anand Janata Dal (United)

Sitamarhi Devesh Chandra Thakur Janata Dal (United)

Madhubani Ashok Kumar Yadav Bharatiya Janata Party

Jhanjharpur Ramprit Mandal Janata Dal (United)

Supaul Dileshwar Kamait Janata Dal (United)

Araria Pradeep Kumar Singh Bharatiya Janata Party

Kishanganj Mohammad Jawed Indian National Congress

Purnia Rajesh Ranjan Alias Pappu Yadav Independent

Katihar Tariq Anwar Indian National Congress

Madhepura Dinesh Chandra Yadav Janata Dal (United)

Khagaria Rajesh Verma Lok Janshakti Party(Ram Vilas)

Samastipur Shambhavi Lok Janshakti Party(Ram Vilas)

Darbhanga Gopal Jee Thakur Bharatiya Janata Party

Muzaffarpur Raj Bhushan Choudhary Bharatiya Janata Party

Vaishali Veena Devi Lok Janshakti Party(Ram Vilas)

Gopalganj Dr Alok Kumar Suman Janata Dal (United)

Siwan Vijaylakshmi Devi Janata Dal (United)

Maharajganj Pankaj Chaudhary Bharatiya Janata Party

Saran Rajiv Pratap Rudy Bharatiya Janata Party

Hajipur Chirag Paswan Lok Janshakti Party(Ram Vilas)

UjiarpurNityanand Rai Bharatiya Janata Party

Begusarai Giriraj Singh Bharatiya Janata Party

Bhagalpur Ajay Kumar Mandal Janata Dal (United)

Banka Giridhari Yadav Janata Dal (United)

Jamui Arun Bharti Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas)

Munger Rajiv Ranjan Singh Alias Lalan Singh Janata Dal (United)

Nawada Vivek Thakur Bharatiya Janata Party

Nalanda Kaushalendra Kumar Janata Dal (United)

Patna Sahib.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by: Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date
6 th June

Born on 6th June: They can read the motives of others and are good judges of character. These ambitious, career-oriented people have a pragmatic nature yet dream large. They possess a generous soul and the desire to be part of the crowd but may be unwilling to show these aspects of their personality.

They are consistent, dependable, and loyal. They often have more than their share of emotional ups and downs in romantic love. Finding the right person can be a chore, but when they do, they want that person with them for a lifetime.

This could relate to a difficult childhood or feeling left out of the family. They are sometimes unsure in their parenting role. They believe in strict discipline but don't want to restrict their children the way they themselves may have been.

The people born on this date are worriers and often suffer from worrier's ailments: headaches, backaches, upset stomach, and sleeping disorders.

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.



Aries
(March 21 - April 19)

June 06 th 2024 : Support of highly influential people will give a big boost to your moral. Today, you can face money-related issues, and ask your father or a father-like individual you cherish for suggestions. Your tears may be wiped by a special friend.

Taurus
(April 20 - May 20)

June 06 th 2024 : Religious feelings will arise making you visit a religious place to seek some divine knowledge from a holy person. Travel for some prove hectic and stressful-but financially rewarding. Today you will unable to express your feelings to your beloved.

Gemini
(May 21 - June 20)

June 06 th 2024 : If you haven't been taking sufficient rest then you will feel extremely tired and will need extra rest. You are most likely to attain financial profits today at night because as any money lent before will come back instantly. Friends will be more supportive than what you might expect.

Cancer
(June21 - July 22)

June 06 th 2024 : Take the support of family members to relieve from your tension. Accept their help gracefully. You must not bottle up feelings and pressure within. Sharing your problems frequently would help you. Wise investments will only fetch returns- therefore be sure where you put your hard-earned money.

Leo
(July 23 - Aug 22)

June 06 th 2024 : Be cautious while drinking and eating. Carelessness could make you sick. Long pending arrears and dues will finally be recovered. Children will make you feel proud with their achievements. Your smile is best antidote for your beloved's unhappiness.

Virgo
(Aug 23 - Sep 22)

June 06 th 2024 : Take care of your health. Money position improves as delayed payments are recovered. Be generous in your approach and spend good loving moments with your family members. Your eyes light up with joy and heart beat fast as you meet your dream girl today. Pleasure trip will be satisfying.

Libra
(Sep 23 - Oct 22)

June 06 th 2024 : Take the support of family members to relieve from your tension. Accept their help gracefully. You must not bottle up feelings and pressure within. Sharing your problems frequently would help you. Due to any member of your family falling ill, you may face financial problems.

Scorpio
(Oct 23 - Nov 21)

June 06 th 2024 : Your willingness to help each and everyone will leave you tired and exhausted. Investment concerning your residence will be profitable. Family front doesn't seem to be happy and smooth. Chances of facing agony of love on the cards today.

Sagittarius
(Nov 22 - Dec 21)

June 06 th 2024 : Your doubting nature may show you the face of defeat. Finances will definitely get a boost- but at the same time expenditures too will be on the rise. Your extravagant lifestyle could cause tensions at home so avoid late nights and spending too much on others. Today you will feel the fragrance of your friend in his absence.

Capricorn
(Dec 22 - Jan 19)

June 06 th 2024 : Outdoor activities will benefit you. Loving in a fortress life style and always concerning about security will only hamper your physical as well as your mental growth. It will also make you a nervous person. Friends and family members provide you with encouragement.

Aquarius
(Jan 20 - Feb 18)

June 06 th 2024 : Too much worry and stress could ruin your health. You should avoid confusion and frustration to maintain mental clarity. If you wish to lead a smooth life and maintain a stable standard of living, then you need to remain attentive today regarding your finances. Very good day to go on a picnic with your wife.

Pisces
(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

June 06 th 2024 : Support of highly influential people will give a big boost to your moral. Today, seek the blessings of your elders before going out of the house, as it will benefit you. A day full of happiness when spouse makes efforts to give joy. Relive your precious moments by going on a picnic with your beloved.

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"Ground issues of unemployment, inflation seen in elections." Manish Tewari after winning Chandigarh

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Chandigarh : After securing victory against BJP's Sanjay Tandon, Chandigarh's Congress candidate Manish Tewari claimed that the 18th look Sabha elections witnessed the ground issues of inflation, unemployment, and the concern that people had towards the Constitution.

Addressing the press conference in Chandigarh today, the former Union Minister said, "I would like to thank all the INDIA alliance partners--Congress, Aam Aadmi Party, Samajwadi Party, Rashtriya Janata Dal... The results are because of their hard work, and passion

Taking a jibe at the BJP, Tewari asserted, "The way results were calculated and the way the slogan of 'Abki baar, 400 paar' was publicised is different from the reality".

He added further, "The ground issues of inflation, unemployment, Agniveer scheme, the concern people had towards the Constitution, all these were seen in the elections."

While wrapping up his press conference, Tewari asserted that the election campaigns witnessed a personalised element and were full of sarcasm against each other. But I would like to say there is no malice, no enmity in my heart. And there are no such feelings of saying any bad things about our rivals... Sanjay Tandon had put up a good fight and I would like to congratulate him."

The Congress leader also took to his official X handle and posted, "I thank the people of Chandigarh for reposing their faith in me. I will endeavour to live up to your expectations. I thank all the INDIA alliance workers and leaders for their ceaseless efforts that made this victory possible."

On his rival, Tewari said, "To my worthy opponent Sanjay Tandon, we fought an acrimonious election but I have no bitterness in my heart. Let us make a new beginning and work together for the prosperity of Chandigarh."Notably, Manish Tewari secured victory against Sanjay Tandon with 2,504 votes. Tewari garnered 2,16,657 votes while Tandon received 2,14,153 votes.

Declaration of results of the 18th Lok Sabha election in the 543-member Parliament saw the BJP-led NDA winning 294 seats and the INDIA bloc bagging 234 seats. A party or coalition requires a simple majority of 272 seats to form the government.

NCC Celebrates World Environment day at Sukhna Lake

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Chandigarh : The NCC cadets of 2 Chandigarh Battalion celebrated World Environment Day at Sukna Lake under the aegis of NCC Chandigarh Group Headquarter with a series of impactful activities. The event began with an engaging Nukkad Natak, highlighting the urgent need for environmental conservation and sustainable practices.

This performance drew significant public attention, effectively communicating environmental responsibility.

The cadets also participated in a poster-making activity, creating visual reminders of the critical need to protect our environment.

Demonstrating their commitment to sustainability, the cadets collectively took a Green Pledge, vowing to adopt eco-friendly habits. They also conducted an awareness campaign, engaging the community in interactive sessions about various environmental issues.

They enlightened the public on the importance of conservation and proactive steps the individuals can take for a healthier planet.

The World Environment Day celebrations by the NCC cadets at Sukna Lake were a resounding success, significantly contributing to raising awareness and inspiring positive environmental action.

Fortis Hospital Ludhiana and Clean Air Punjab celebrate World Environment Day with green initiatives

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Ludhiana : Fortis Hospital Ludhiana, in collaboration with Clean Air Punjab, organized a plantation drive on World Environment Day.The event saw active participation from doctors, nursing staff, and management personnel at Fortis Hospital, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana. The initiative underscores the hospital's commitment to environmental sustainability and community well-being.

In addition, Fortis Hospital, Mall Road, marked the occasion by creating a "Wall of 1000 Mini Plants." This green wall aims to promote the importance of greenery and its impact on air quality, aligning with the global efforts to combat environmental challenges.

Dr. Vishavdeep Goyal, Zonal Director of Fortis Hospitals Ludhiana & Amritsar, emphasized the significance of environmental preservation, stating, "Nature is the most important gift that human beings have been bestowed with. And it is our duty and responsibility that we protect and preserve it for our future. As we celebrate World Environment Day, let us dedicate ourselves to the cause of Environment Protection and Sustainability. The theme for this year is #GenerationRestoration. Let us all come together to pledge ourselves to the cause of preservation of our environment. We have only 'One Planet' and we owe it to our children and the future generations to preserve it for them. I believe humankind, as the most influential being on the Earth, also owes it to all co-inhabitants of our planet - the plants, animals, marine ecosystem, etc., to protect and nurture them. We at Fortis are making our efforts to help build a sustainable environment for our future by reducing our plastic consumption, efficient use of power and electricity, conservation of water, and planting of trees to help the cause of #GenerationRestoration."

Parinita Singh, Air Quality Lead for Clean Air Punjab, highlighted the critical need to address the declining green cover in Punjab, stating, "The decrease in plantation and green cover in Punjab is alarming and directly impacts our air quality. Increasing our green cover is essential to combat the adverse effects on health, which are exacerbated by poor air quality and frequent heat waves. By working together to plant more trees and restore our natural environment, we can improve air quality and create a healthier living space for everyone. This initiative by Fortis Hospital and Clean Air Punjab is a significant step towards addressing these urgent environmental issues."

These activities highlight Fortis Hospital's dedication to fostering a healthier and greener environment for all.

65 beekeepers attend training camp, experts warn against honey adulteration

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Ludhiana : As many as 65 members of Progressive Beekeepers' Association (PBKA) attended the monthly training camp at Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) today.

Experts Dr Jaspal Singh, Principal Entomologist; and Dr Manmeet Manav, Extension Scientist, explained the methods of making and using artificial bee pollen as well as quality testing time of honey with PAU honey testing kit, respectively.

"Honey's demand is surging in the markets due to the nutritional, healthy and monetary benefits it offers to the consumers and producers,"

observed Dr Singh, while advising the beekeepers to focus on maintaining its quality and quantity to win the consumers, for the large scale salability of the product and to earn big bucks.

Besides, he encouraged the beekeepers to develop the interests of fellow farmers also in the subsidiary occupation of beekeeping, which should only be started after receiving hands-on-training and technical guidance from PAU experts.

Voicing concern over rising adulteration in honey-based products, Dr Manav urged the PBKA members to say no to this harmful as well as unhealthy practice, which could result in serious health hazards for the consumers. High quality honey should be the topmost priority to surge the demand for the product, said the expert, while emphasizing on its proper labeling and packaging for enhanced profitability.The Secretary of PBKA Sardar Jagtar Singh welcomed the members, while President of PBKA Sardar JS Sohi proposed a vote of thanks.

Dr Lavleesh Garg, Extension Scientist, coordinated the programme, which was held under the guidance of Programme Director Dr TS Riar, Additional Director Communication; and Programme Associate Director Dr Kuldeep Singh, Head, Department of Extension Education.

PIC OF THE DAY

Who Cares...?

Garbage-free still a distant dream



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Mohali : Infrastructure at Focal Points Industrial Area and several residential areas in Mohali are crying for attention but the concerned authorities in Mohali have preferred to look the other way.

Industries in the Focal Point area provide employment to large number of skilled and non-skilled people besides paying different types of taxes that inculde income tax and property tax. However, when it comes to providing amenities to the area, a similar zeal is missing on the part of the government and Municipal authorities.

There are very few sweepers available in the Industrial Area which comes only after several requests to senior officers.

Absence of regular cleaning in Industrial area has resulted in unhygienic conditions on roads and at vacant plots. Heaps of garbage dot the roads as garbage heaps surfaced in the Industrial estate as the waste-collecting agency is not paying attention to it, which pose a serious health hazard in the area and surroundings.

As waste is not collected regularly, stray animals can be seen grazing there, posing a threat to the lives of people. Industrial Area is crowded daily as there are banks, transport companies and shops. The traders and industrialists are unhappy over the garbage issue.

Industrialists and workers said nearly most of the streetlights always remained out of order. There is a high need to beautify the Focal Point area which has adequate number of regions earmarked for parks and green belts. However, in the absence of deployment of gardeners, these remain unattended. **Who Cares???**

One had asked for resignation and the other had left their 17 year old partner... the story of Naidu-Modi-Nitish relations.



Three rural Assembly segments made Bittu bite dust



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Ludhiana : A clear urban-rural divide came to the fore in one of the most bitterly fought and high-stake General Election to the 18th Lok Sabha in Ludhiana.

Punjab Congress president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, reckoned by many as a rank outsider, has scripted history as his party won this predominantly urban general seat for a record fourth time in a row, which no other party had been able to do since 1952.

The three-time sitting MLA from Giddderbaha and former transport minister had come all the way from Bathinda to take on his friend-turned-foe turncoat three-time sitting MP Ravneet Singh Bittu of the BJP, whom he defeated with a convincing margin of over 20,942 votes.

While the former Indian Youth Congress president polled 3,22,224 votes, Bittu got 3,01,282 votes. The ruling AAP's sitting local MLA Ashok Parashar Pappi finished third with 2,37,077 votes. Rest all 40 candidates in the poll fray, including the SAD's former MLA Ranjit Singh Dhillon, lost their security deposits by failing to poll even one-sixth of the total polled votes. Dhillon got 90,220 votes while the SAD (Mann) and BSP nominees Amritpal Singh Chhandran and Davinder Singh Ramgarhia polled 18,241 and 10,394 votes, respectively, which were even together less than 42,300 votes polled by an Independent, Kamaljit Singh Brar.

The analysis of the Assembly segment-wise election results released by Returning Officer Sakshi Sawhney, a copy of which is with The Tribune, made evident that it was a clear urban-rural split that made the Congress winner and cost the BJP dear.

While the winner, Warring (46), led from only four of the total nine Assembly segments in this parliamentary seat while Bittu (48), secured maximum votes from five Vidhan Sabha seats. However, the AAP trailed in all nine segments, eight of which it had won in the 2022 Assembly poll. Its candidate Parashar (59), even lost from his Ludhiana Central seat, from where he was elected two years ago.

While Gill, Dakha and Jagraon (all rural pockets) and the urban Atam Nagar Assembly segment added to the victory of Warring, the urban seats of Ludhiana East, South, Central, West and North gave lead to the BJP.

From the very first round, Warring secured the lead over his nearest rival Bittu and the margin kept swinging from as low as 2,000 votes to as high as 27,000 votes.

Of his total 3,22,224 polled votes, including 800 postal ballots, Warring got maximum 54,981 votes from Gill, followed by 41,296 from Ludhiana East, 40,276 from Dakha, 34,734 from Jagraon, 32,982 from Ludhiana South, 31,415 from Ludhiana North, 30,889 from Ludhiana West, 30,696 from Atam Nagar and lowest 24,155 from the Ludhiana Central Assembly segment.

Bittu's 3,01,282 votes came from the highest 53,725 in Ludhiana North, followed by 50,833 from Ludhiana East, 45,424 from Ludhiana West, 41,450 in Ludhiana Central, 37,278 in Ludhiana South, 30,154 in Gill, 22,753 in Atam Nagar, 12,138 in Jagraon and the lowest of 7,072 votes in Dakha, besides getting 355 postal ballots.

For AAP's Parashar, the total of 2,37,077 polled votes comprised maximum 41,520 from Gill, followed by 28,743 in Dakha, 28,096 in Ludhiana East, 25,745 in Jagraon, 25,600 in Atam Nagar, 25,127 in Ludhiana North, 22,461 in Ludhiana West, second lowest 20,039 votes from his own Ludhiana Central and the minimum of 19,289 votes in Ludhiana South, besides 457 postal ballots.

Of the total polled 10,59,678 votes, including 2,459 postal ballots, as many as 5,040 voters opted for NOTA while 521 votes were rejected and two were tendered for various reasons.

Manish Tewari wins as MP Chandigarh

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

Tewari polled 2,16,657 votes, while his arch rival Tandon garnered 2,14,153 votes. Tewari's voter percentage was 48.30 compared to Tandon's 47.74.

After the first round of counting, Tewari maintained the lead and the margin increased to 10,485 votes after seventh round. In the eighth round, the margin slightly decreased to 10,194 and the trend continued till 12th round when the lead was decreased to 4, 991 votes. In the meantime, Tewari regained the lead by 6,079 votes, which further reduced in the 14th round to 3,689. However, after the 15th round, the margin was further reduced to 2,504 votes.

The counting of votes concluded around 3 pm, but after that a drama unfolded at the centre when Tandon raised objections to the counting of votes and demanded a recounting. However, it took the UT Election Department nearly four and a half hours to set aside the objections raised by Tandon and declare Tewari the winner. In the meantime, Congress workers raised slogans against the BJP for deliberately delaying the election results on frivolous issues. A handful of BJP supporters present there countered the Congress by raising slogans in support of PM Narendra Modi.

Supporters of both the Congress and BJP arrived near the counting centre and indulged in sloganeering in support of their leaders.

Tewari's victory was hard-fought, as he faced criticism from opponents who labelled him an outsider. Additionally, opposition from former Union Minister Pawan Kumar Bansal's camp posed further challenges, but Tewari successfully navigated these obstacles to secure the win.

Congress leaders said despite all odds, the hard work put in by the local leaders and workers helped the party to secure victory.

They said Tewari received a huge support from colonies and villages, but he got a major chunk of nearly 4,000 votes from Sector 25 colony. He also got a good number of votes from areas such as Dadu Majra, Maloya and Ram Darbar. However, he got a jolt from Maulijagran, Mani Majra and Burail.

The support from Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) that had secured 14 out of total 35 seats in Municipal Corporation (MC) elections in 2021 further bolstered Tewari's position. Of the total votes, 2,912 were None of the Above (NOTA) votes.

BSP candidate Ritu Singh received the third highest number of 6,708 votes, followed by Independent Lakhvir Singh, who polled 2,626 votes. Another Independent, Kuldip Rai received the lowest 114 votes. A total of 19 candidates were in the fray. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP's vote share was 50.64 per cent and the Congress' 40.35%. AAP's share was dismally low at 3.82%.

Similarly, in the 2014 Parliamentary elections, the BJP's vote share was 42.20% and that of the Congress 26.84%, followed by AAP at 23.97 per cent. In both elections, BJP's Kirron Kher defeated Congress' Pawan Kumar Bansal.

What jeopardised things for AAP in Punjab 2 years after landslide victory

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Chandigarh : It was a humiliating defeat to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab two years after its landslide victory, its Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and party's national convener, Arvind Kejriwal, set an ambitious target of winning all 13 Lok Sabha seats and won just three seats, with four of five cabinet ministers failing to secure victories.

The only saving grace for AAP was the win from Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's bastion Sangrur this time.

Except for minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer (Sangrur), all four ministers -- Health Minister Balbir Singh (Patiala), Agriculture Minister Gurmeet Singh Khuddian (Bathinda), NRI Affairs Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal (Amritsar), and Transport Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar from Khadoor Sahib -- lost the elections. Also, its three legislators lost the parliamentary poll.

Political observers say that the party was banking heavily on its populist schemes, like the free power of 300 units a month to each household, free Aam Aadmi mohalla clinics, 43,000 government jobs, the repair of canals and the establishment of schools of eminence.

The Congress won seven of the total 13 Lok Sabha constituencies in Punjab, dealing a blow to AAP, the BJP and SAD, though two Independents, including jailed radical Sikh preacher Amritpal Singh, made a surprise entry into the Parliament.

The Sukhbir Singh Badal-led SAD could win only one seat, and the BJP failed to open an account in the state.

32 new cases of diarrhoea in Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur, total climbs to 242



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Hamirpur : 32 fresh cases of diarrhoea were reported in five villages in Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur, taking the total number of patients in the district to 242, an official said today.

Diarrhoea has spread to 12 villages in five gram panchayats—Lambloo, Baffrin, Chamned, Gasota and Pandher—having a population of around 4,550.

Chief Medical Officer R K Agnihotri said 32 fresh cases of diarrhoea were detected till Tuesday night, taking the total number of patients in Hamirpur district to 242.

While 103 patients were discharged after medication, 14 are hospitalised and 125 are taking treatment at home, he said.

Agnihotri said six water samples were collected by the health department and sent to the Hamirpur Medical College for analysis.

He advised people to drink boiled water and said the health department has deputed teams to visit the affected villages.

A similar outbreak had affected more than 400 people in Hamirpur in March. It took the administration around 10 days to bring the situation under control.

In January 2023, about 1,000 people had contracted diarrhoea in the Rangas area of Nadaun, the assembly constituency of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. It resurfaced in June, affecting 10 panchayats adjoining Hamirpur town.

Rahul Gandhi 'bravest of all': Priyanka hails brother's efforts after poll outcome

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Chandigarh : Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday hailed her brother Rahul Gandhi's efforts describing him to be the "bravest of all", after the party's good showing in the Lok Sabha election, results of which were announced.

Priyanka acclaimed Rahul Gandhi stating that the former Congress chief never "backed down whatever the odds" and "never stopped fighting for truth".

In a heartfelt message on X, Priyanka said, "You kept standing, no matter what they said and did to you, you never backed down whatever the odds, never stopped believing however much they doubted your conviction, you never stopped fighting for the truth despite the overwhelming propaganda of lies they spread, and you never allowed anger and hatred to overcome you, even when they gifted it to you every day."

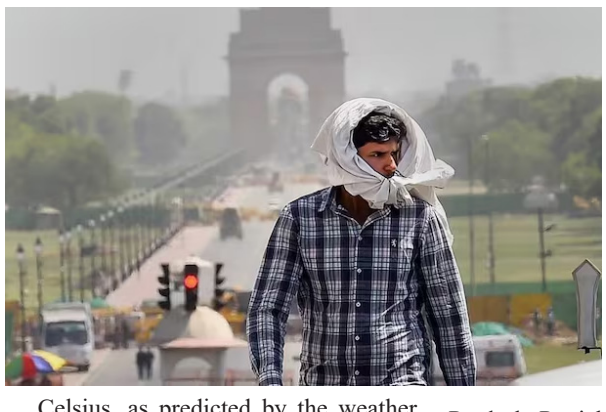
"You fought with love, truth and kindness in your heart. Those who could not see you, see you now, but some of us have always seen and known you to be the bravest of all," she said of her brother.

"Bhai @RahulGandhi, I am proud to be your sister," Priyanka Gandhi said.

The Congress, part of the opposition INDIA alliance, won 99 seats in the Lok Sabha elections compared to 52 in 2019, eating into the BJP's share in Rajasthan and Haryana.

Heatwave continues in North India, light rain likely

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New Delhi : The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted heatwave-like conditions in certain areas of Delhi, east Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, etc. for today. Meanwhile, heavy rainfall will pour over several states like West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala.

"Heat wave conditions are very likely in isolated pockets of East Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Bihar during June 5–9 in Punjab, Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi, Rajasthan on June 5; Odisha on June 5 and 6, 2024," the weather department said in a morning bulletin.

Delhi is anticipated to receive light rain with thunderstorms, the IMD said. The rain will bring some respite to the people from the severe heatwave. However, the maximum temperature in the national capital will stay in the range of 42–45 degrees Celsius, as predicted by the weather department.

The IMD has issued a heavy rain alert today for parts of Northeast India, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka, with a chance of thunder and lightning.

Sikkim, Assam, and Maharashtra may see light and severe rainfall, while certain areas of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Kerala, Lakshadweep, and Odisha are warned of heavy rainfall and thunderstorms.

Furthermore, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, South Madhya Pradesh, and the Western Himalayas are expected to receive light to moderate rainfall, with rain also likely in various areas of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, and Haryana.

"Isolated light rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning & gusty winds (30-40 kmph) are very likely over Bihar, Jharkhand, Gangetic West Bengal and Isolated to scattered light/moderate rain over Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Vidarbha, Madhya Pradesh during next 7 days," the IMD stated.

Janhvi-Rajkummar's film earns Rs 20 crore

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New Delhi : Janhvi Kapoor and Rajkummar Rao's 'Mr & Mrs Mahi' witnessed a slight dip, June 4. On Day 5, the film earned Rs 20.85 crore, as per early estimates. The film, directed by Sharan Sharma, was released in theatres on May 31.

The romantic sports drama revolves around a married couple and their passion for cricket. The film also features Zarina Wahab, Kumud Mishra, and Rajesh Sharma.

After witnessing a great opening, the film is slogging hard to perform well at the box office. On Day 5, the film earned Rs 1.85 crore at the box office. This made the total tally to Rs 20.85 crore.

Industry trends indicate that the film's performance in the coming days will be crucial. If 'Mr and Mrs Mahi' maintains steady earnings to the second, it could potentially become a surprise hit.

A section of our review of the film read, "The film's lengthy and slow first half focuses on building the plot, showcasing how the young couple chose their parents' dreams over their passion for cricket. Rajkummar's character, Mahendra, gets ample moments to express his frustration and struggles. In contrast, Janhvi's character, Mahima, amusingly conceals her aspirations until a twist later in the film."

The film marks Janhvi and Rajkummar's second collaboration after 'Roohi'. 'Mr and Mrs Mahi' released in theatres on May 31.

Esha Deol congratulates mother Hema Malini on 'hattrick' win

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New Delhi : Actor Esha Deol congratulated her mother, Hema Malini, as she won the Mathura seat in the Lok Sabha Elections 2024. She shared a photo of her mother and wrote a message for her on her big win.

"Congratulations mamma. Hat trick. @dreamgirlhemamalini #loksabhaelection2024 #mathura #bjp," wrote Esha on Instagram, along with a photo of Malini. However, Esha disabled the comments section of her Instagram post.

In Mathura, Hema Malini of BJP defeated the Congress candidate Mukesh Dhangar by a margin of 29,407 votes. After her win, a video of her celebrating by flashing a pyro gun surfaced on social media. The video showed her wearing garlands, while drums played in the background.

She also spoke to the media and said, "I have thought a lot about the work that I will be doing for the residents of Mathura and Brijwasis. I will make sure that their dreams are fulfilled."

Earlier this year, Hema Malini hinted that her daughter Esha Deol might join politics in the future as she is quite interested in it. Speaking to ABP, the actor said that both her daughters, Esha and Ahana, can join the field if they are interested.

"Esha is very much inclined for that. She likes to do it. So maybe in the next few years, if she is interested, she will definitely (join politics)," Malini said.

The 'Sholay' actor joined politics in 1999. She was nominated to the Rajya Sabha for a six-year term by APJ Abdul Kalam and officially joined the BJP in 2004. She won in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections from the Mathura constituency.

R Praggnanandhaa loses to Magnus Carlsen in reverse fixture



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New Delhi : World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen completed his revenge against a familiar foe and Indian Grandmaster Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa in the seventh round of Norway Chess 2024. Carlsen defeated Praggnanandhaa in the Armageddon tiebreaker after the two players settled for a draw in their classical game in Stavanger.

It was a big win for Magnus Carlsen in the reverse fixture as he took a one-point sole lead in the open section of Norway Chess. Carlsen, the local favourite, With the win, Carlsen extended his tally to an incredible 14.5 out of 15 with White in Norway Chess. With the win, Carlsen went 1 point clear of nearest-rival Hikaru Nakamura in the standings in Norway Chess. Praggnanandhaa is at the third spot with 12 points and still has a chance to win the tournament. Each of the six players have two more rounds with Praggnanandhaa set to face World No. 2 Fabiano Caruana next on June 6.

Notably, Praggnanandhaa had stunned Magnus Carlsen in the earlier fixture in Norway Chess, registering his first win over the World No. 1 in Classical format.

Praggnananandhaa and Carlsen played out a hard-fought draw in the Classical game. Both players mixed aggression with caution and put on a show for the audience. However, Carlsen showcased his class with White in Armageddon tie-breaker. Praggnanandhaa gave it his all and came very close to equalising, but Carlsen got the job done and took 1.5 points from the game.

In the other games of the day in the Open section, world champion Ding Liren produced a much-improved performance, beating Fabiano Caruana in the Armageddon tie-breaker.

Alirea Firouzja helped Magnus Carlsen's cause by beating Hikaru Nakamura in the Armageddon tie-breaker.

1. Magnus Carlsen - 14.5, 2. Hikaru Nakamura - 13.5, 3. R Praggnanandhaa 12, 4. Alireza Firoujza 11, 5. Fabiano Caruana - 9, 6. Ding Liren - 4.5.

In the women's section, GM Vaishali ended a two-game losing streak by winning Armageddon tiebreaker against Anna Muzychuk. India's Koneru Humpy, however, lost to Lei Tingjie in the Classical game.

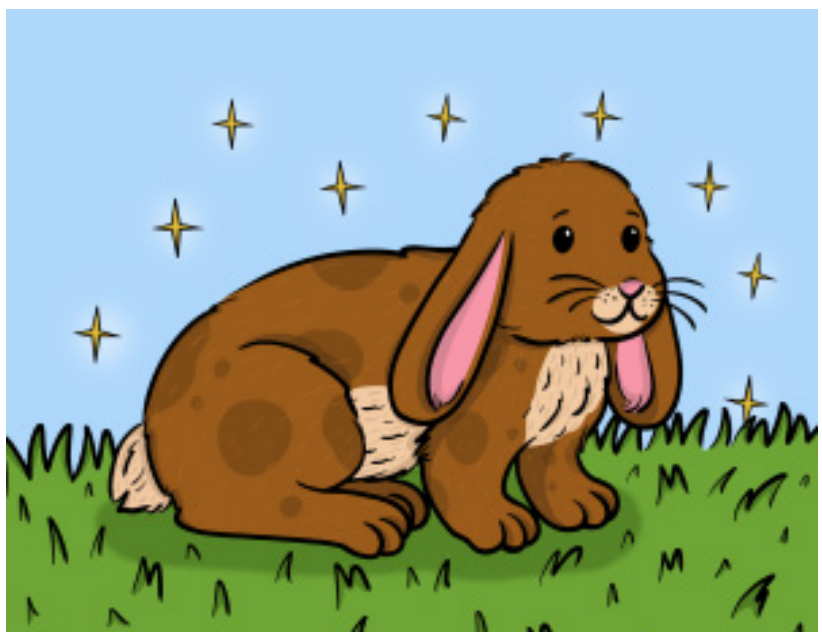
The race is the women's section is also heating up as R Vaishali is at the third spot wth 11.5 points, 3 points behind leader Ju Wenjun and 1.5 points behind second-placed Anna Muzychuk.

Norway Chess offers USD 160,000 in prize funds for the Open and the Women's section. Six players will compete against each other twice in classical chess from May 27 to June 7.

It's Story TIME

The Velveteen Rabbit

A Soft and Fluffy Velveteen Rabbit lived in a toybox in a Boy's room. Each day, the Boy opened the toybox and picked up the Velveteen Rabbit. The Velveteen Rabbit felt as happy as the Boy. Then newer, brighter toys came into the toybox. They had special tricks. Some could move when the Boy pushed a button, and others bounced high. The Velveteen Rabbit had no special tricks or buttons. After awhile, the Boy started to choose the other new toys. At night, when the toys were back in the toy box, the other toys talked with pride about the fine things they could do. The Velveteen Rabbit was quiet. There was not much to say. The only other toy in the toy box that was soft and fluffy like the Velveteen Rabbit and could not do any fancy tricks was Cowboy Horse. Cowboy Horse was old and most of his fur was worn away. Cowboy Horse said to the Velveteen Rabbit, "Do not listen to the rest of them. Soft toys like us are really the lucky ones. We get loved the most. And when soft toys get loved enough, we can become Real." "What do you mean, 'Real?' " said the Velveteen Rabbit. "Being Real is the best," said Cowboy Horse. "You can move when you want. When you are Real, if you are loved you can show love back."





Nitish Kumar, Tejashwi Yadav take same flight to Delhi

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New Delhi : Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav are heading to Delhi today to attend meetings as the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the Opposition INDIA bloc are planning their next move in the wake of the formation of a new government at the Centre following the completion of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Nitish Kumar and Tejashwi Yadav boarded the Patna-Delhi Vistara flight UK-718, sheduled to arrive in the national capital at 10.40 am.

According to the final results declared by the Election Commission of India on Wednesday, the BJP won 240 seats, falling short of the majority mark of 272, while the Congress secured 99.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to form a government at the Centre for a third consecutive term despite his NDA falling of expectations in the face of a surprisingly strong showing by the INDIA bloc, as well as crushing losses in key states like Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

The 2024 results were a far cry from the 303 and 282 seats the BJP-led NDA had won in 2019 and 2014, respectively, to have a majority on its own.

Ahead of leaving for the national capital to attend the NDA meeting on a new government formation, TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu said, "Today, I am heading to Delhi. After the completion of the election, this is my first press meet before going to Delhi. I am very glad for the support of the voters. Ups and downs are common in politics. Many political leaders and parties have been ousted in history. This is a historic election. Even voters from abroad have returned to their hometowns to exercise their votes."

Tejashwi Yadav told reporters in Patna, "Our performance has been very good. We based our contest on issues. Lord Ram blessed the INDIA bloc in Ayodhya. So, it is very clear that the 'Modi factor' is finished. The BJP is far away from the majority. It is now dependent on allies. We are happy that we have been successful to a great extent in safeguarding the Constitution."

When asked about travelling on the same flight as the Bihar Chief Minister, the RJD leader said, "I don't know if Nitish Kumar is also going to Delhi on the same flight."

RJD spokesperson Manoj Kumar Jha told reporters that Nitish Kumar and TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, who is also heading to Delhi today "shared a dislike for vendetta politics" which could lead them away from the BJP-led NDA.

While responding to a query on whether RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav and Tejashwi Yadav were in touch with Nitish Kumar, Jha said, "Those who need to contact him are talking to him.

Actor Suresh Gopi wins it for BJP

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Chennai : Actor-politician Suresh Gopi won in Kerala's Thrissur Lok Sabha constituency on June 4. Malayalam actors Mammootty and Mohanlal extended their wishes to their fellow actor. With Suresh Gopi's win, BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) has finally opened its account in the state of Kerala. He will now represent the state in the parliament. He was also congratulated by many celebrities and his ardent fans.

Mohanlal shared a photo of Suresh Gopi and wrote, "Congratulations dear Suresh (sic)," as he tagged him on his X (formerly Twitter) page.

Similarly, Mammoottty extended his wishes to the actor-politician on his big win. "Hearty congrats dear Suresh on your victory (sic)," he posted as he shared his picture.

Suresh Gopi shared their posts on his X page and thanked them. Apart from Mohanlal and Mammootty, many fans congratulated him on his win.

Suresh Gopi is an actor, politician, playback singer and television presenter. He predominantly worked in Malayalam cinema and also did a handful of films in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Hindi. He has acted in over 250 films in his career.

Work-wise, he was last seen in 2023 film, 'Garudan', which received rave reviews. He also has four Malayalam films - 'JSK', 'Ottakkomban', 'SG 251' and 'Oruperumkaliyattam' - at different stages of production.

4 feared dead in Uttarakhand after group of 22 goes missing due to bad weather

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Uttarkashi : Four people were feared killed after a 22-member trekking team, which had gone trekking to Sahastra Tal in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi, lost their way due to bad weather and got trapped along the route.

Uttarkashi District Magistrate Meharban Singh Bisht said that the trekking team comprising 18 members from Karnataka, one from Maharashtra and three local guides were on their way on a trekking expedition to Sahastra Tal on May 29 and were to return on June 7.

However, the team lost its way due to bad weather and the trekking agency, Himalayan View Tracking Agency, Maneri, informed authorities about four people who were feared killed and requested the evacuation of 13 trapped members.

Bisht requested the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) to send rescue teams to the spot and rescue the trekkers. He also ordered to send local-level rescue teams to the site as well.

He said Sahastra Tal is located at an altitude of about 4,100-4,400 metres and that the incident site is located in the border area of Uttarkashi and Tehri districts. "For the quick rescue of the trekking team, we have set rescue teams to Uttarkashi and Ghansali Tehri sides," he added.

Sahastra Tal is a group of seven lakes on a peak and it is believed that Pandavas had left for heaven from this place.

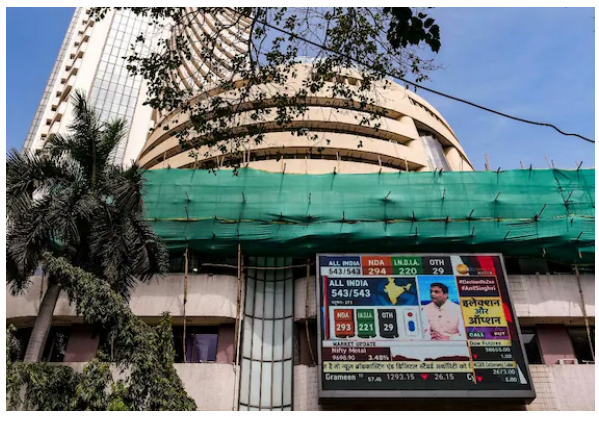
The District Magistrate wrote to the Joint Secretary of the Central Defence Department for air rescue and the SDRF commandant for ground rescue assistance.

He also said the trekking agency had informed authorities to send people from Silla village to the spot to assist rescue teams. A request was also made to send teams of police and the forest department from the Tehri district to the spot.

The Tehri district administration sent teams to rescue the trekkers trapped at Sahastra Tal.

Sensex, Nifty face volatility amid high selling pressure

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Mumbai : A day after a bloodbath on Dalal Street in which markets suffered the worst single-day fall in 4 years, the benchmark indices, Sensex and Nifty, opened in the green today.

The Sensex was up 1,031.36 points or 1.43 per cent at 73,110.41. The Nifty was up 131.10 points or 0.60 per cent at 22,015.60. However, the recovery run did not last long as both indices faced selling pressure as investors remained cautious.

As stock market participants expected the BJP to emerge as the single largest party, the outcome of the Lok Sabha elections is likely to lead to further volatility and selling pressure.

Dr. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said: "The market will take some time to absorb the unexpected election results. Stability will return to the market soon but volatility will continue till there is clarity on the cabinet and the key portfolios."

A sharp rebound in the market is unlikely in the near term but sectoral preferences might change. Sectors like FMCG, healthcare and IT will find increasing preferences and the momentum plays will slowdown," he added.

One positive that has emerged from the sharp market correction, according to Vijayakumar, is that "excessive valuations have moderated a bit". He feels that this will facilitate institutional buying once clarity emerges on the formation and composition of the cabinet.

"Investors can start nibbling at high quality large-caps in IT, financials, autos and capital goods," he added.

Consumer and FMCG stocks were dominating proceedings, with HUL up over 7% and Britannia up over 6% on the Nifty50. Another FMCG stock, Tata Consumer Products, also gained sharply in early trade.

On the other hand, the top losers were BPCL, L&T, Power Grid, NTPC and Adani Enterprises.

Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said, "In a dramatic downturn, Nifty50 recorded its biggest single-day plunge in over four years, falling 6%, as bears took control of Dalal Street following the BJP's failure to secure a clear majority in the elections."

"The Narendra Modi-led BJP leads with 293 seats, but concerns over the new government's ability to implement bold policies weighed heavily on the market. GIFT Nifty remains subdued despite Modi's victory speech, with technical indicators pointing to a trading range of 21000-22500. Meanwhile, WTI crude oil futures dropped to a four-month low, offering some relief," he noted.

"Eyes are now on the RBI's three-day MPC meeting. Preferred trades: Nifty to sell at 22200-22500 with targets at 21500/21000, and Bank Nifty to sell at 47500-47700 with targets at 46077/45701. Bearish on Dixon Technologies, CUB, and Exide," Tapse added.

Union Ministers' Lok Sabha polls report card: Who won, who lost



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New Delhi : The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) fielded several Union Ministers for the 2024 elections. While many of them won the polls to return to Parliament, several others, including big names, lost the battle.

Among the notable winners were Nitin Gadkari, who secured the Nagpur seat with a substantial margin, and Anurag Thakur, who triumphed in Hamirpur for the fifth consecutive time. Other significant victories included Sarbananda Sonowal's win in Dibrugarh, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat's success in Jodhpur, and Amit Shah's victory in Gandhinagar.

Smriti Irani in Amethi stands in the front row of Union Ministers who failed to touch the magic number. Rajeev Chandrasekhar's defeat in Thiruvananthapuram, Arjun Munda's loss in Khunti, Mahendra Nath Pandey's defeat to the Samajwadi Party's Birendra Singh in Chandauli, and Ajay Mishra Teni's loss in Lakhimpur Kheri are other prominent faces who could not win.

Nagpur Lok Sabha seat: Nitin Jairam Gadkari won with 655,027 votes and a winning margin of 137,603 votes. He was contesting against Congress candidate Vikas Thakre, who received 517,424 votes.

Hamirpur Lok Sabha seat: Union Minister Anurag Thakur won for the fifth time in a row. Anurag Singh Thakur received 607,068 votes, winning by a margin of 182,357 votes. He defeated Indian National Congress candidate Satpal Raizada, who received 424,711 votes.

Secunderabad Lok Sabha seat: Union Minister G Kishan Reddy retained the Secunderabad Lok Sabha seat, winning by a margin of over 49,000 votes. Reddy defeated Indian National Congress candidate Danam Nagender, who received 423,068 votes.

Guna Lok Sabha seat: Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia defeated Congress candidate Rao Yadvendra Singh by 540,929 votes in the Guna parliamentary constituency in Madhya Pradesh.

Begusarai Lok Sabha seat: Union Minister Giriraj Singh retained the Begusarai Lok Sabha seat in Bihar, albeit by a reduced margin of over 81,480 votes. The Left party's candidate, former MLA Abdhesh Kumar Roy, polled 567,000 votes, compared to the 649,000 votes secured by the BJP incumbent.

Dibrugarh Lok Sabha seat: Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal won the Dibrugarh Lok Sabha seat in Assam by 279,000 votes. He defeated Lurinjyoti Gogoi of Assam Jatiya Parishad.

Rajkot Lok Sabha seat: Parshottam Rupala, who faced protests from the Rajput community due to his remarks on erstwhile rulers during the run-up to the elections, won from the Rajkot constituency by a margin of 484,260 votes, defeating senior Congress leader Paresh Dhanani. Rupala polled 857,984 votes, while Dhanani received 373,724 votes.

Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Lok Sabha seat: Minister of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Narayan Rane defeated his nearest rival, two-term MP Vinayak Raut, by a margin of 47,858 votes in his debut election for the Lok Sabha. A former Shivsainik and ex-chief minister of Maharashtra, Rane polled 448,514 votes, while Raut secured 400,656 votes. This is the first time the BJP has won a Parliamentary seat in the coastal Konkan region, a traditional stronghold of the undivided Shiv Sena.

Ujiyarpur Lok Sabha seat: Nityanand Rai won the Ujiyarpur Lok Sabha seat in Bihar, defeating his nearest rival Alok Mehta of the RJD by 4,661 votes.

Nainital-Udham Singh Nagar Lok Sabha seat: Union Minister of State for Defence and Tourism Ajay Bhatt won the Nainital-Udham Singh Nagar Lok Sabha seat in Uttarakhand, defeating Congress' Prakash Joshi by 334,548 votes.

Alwar Lok Sabha seat: Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, contesting his first Lok Sabha election, defeated his nearest rival Lalit Yadav of the Congress in Rajasthan's Alwar by 48,282 votes.

Bhiwandi Lok Sabha seat: Minister of State for Panchayati Raj Kapil Patil lost to Suresh Gopinath Mhatre of the NCP (Sharad Pawar) in Maharashtra's Bhiwandi by a margin of 66,121 votes.

Jalna Lok Sabha seat: Congress' Kalyan Vaijnath Rao Kale defeated BJP leader and Minister of State for Railways Raosaheb Danve by a margin of 109,958 votes in Jalna.

Dindori Lok Sabha seat: Bhaskar Bhagare of the NCP (Sharad Pawar) clinched the Dindori seat in Maharashtra, trouncing Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Bharati Pawar by 113,199 votes.

Arunachal West Lok Sabha seat: Minister of Earth Sciences Kiren Rijiju secured the Arunachal West seat, defeating his nearest rival, Nabam Tuki of the Congress, by 100,738 votes.

Jodhpur Lok Sabha seat: Union Ministers Arjun Ram Meghwal (Bikaner) and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Jodhpur) won by 55,711 and 115,677 votes, respectively.

Porbandar Lok Sabha seat: Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya won Gujarat's Porbandar by a comfortable margin of 383,360 votes.

Sambalpur Lok Sabha seat: Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan won by 119,836 votes against Pranab Prakash Das of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in Odisha's Sambalpur.

Dharwad Lok Sabha seat: Union Minister Pralhad Joshi defeated Congress candidate Vinod Asooti by a margin of 97,324 votes.

Bangalore North Lok Sabha seat: Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje defeated Congress candidate M.V. Rajeev Gowda by a margin of 259,476 votes.

Lucknow Lok Sabha seat: BJP candidate and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh won the Lucknow Lok Sabha seat with a margin of 135,159 votes. Rajnath Singh polled 612,709 votes against Samajwadi Party candidate Ravidas Mehrotra, who received 477,550 votes. This is Singh's third consecutive victory from Lucknow.

Gandhinagar Lok Sabha seat: Union Home Minister Amit Shah won the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha seat in Gujarat by a margin of over 744,716 votes, one of the highest in this election, bettering his 2019 victory margin. Shah defeated his nearest Congress rival Sonal Patel by a staggering 744,716 votes.

Mumbai North Lok Sabha seat: Union Minister Piyush Goyal defeated Congress candidate Bhushan Patil by a margin of 356,996 votes.



Italy's Giorgia Meloni congratulates PM Modi after NDA's win, he thanks her

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New Delhi : Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi after the BJP-led NDA won the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

In a post on X, which was written in Italian, she said that both countries would continue to work together to "strengthen the friendship that unites" Italy and India.

"Congratulations to @narendramodi on the new electoral victory and my warmest wishes for good work. Certain that we will continue to work together to strengthen the friendship that unites Italy and India and consolidate cooperation on the various issues that bind us, for the well-being of our nations and our people," she said in the post.

In response, PM Modi said that his government was "committed to deepening India-Italy strategic partnership which is underpinned by shared values and interests".

"Thank you for your kind wishes PM @GiorgiaMeloni. We remain committed to deepening India-Italy strategic partnership which is underpinned by shared values and interests. Looking forward to working together for global good," he tweeted.

The BJP-led NDA won 292 seats, while the Opposition INDIA bloc finished with 233 seats in a spirited fight. The BJP won 240 seats, falling short of the majority mark of 272, while the Congress won 99 seats, an increase from its 2019 tally of 52 seats. Others, including regional outfits and Independents, won 16 seats.

Besides a possibly lower seat count, the NDA is also facing a reduced vote share. As opposed to 2019, when it won over 50 per cent, the ruling alliance is hovering around the 46 per cent share of votes.

Rishi Sunak, Keir Starmer spar in first 'ill-tempered' TV debate, clash over tax

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New Delhi : UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and opposition Labour Party leader Keir Starmer sparred over several issues, including tax and immigration, during their first TV debate ahead of the July 4 general elections. As a result of the "ill-tempered" exchanges between the two leaders, the host of the debate asked them to "lower your voices".

The debate was hosted by iTV last night.

While Sunak tried to present Starmer as an "unreliable politician who was pursuing power for power's sake", the Labour leader accused his debate challenger of being the "most liberal Prime Minister we've ever had on immigration".

The Prime Minister claimed that the Labour Party would increase taxes by 2,000 British pounds for "every working family in our country" if voted to power. The accusation was, however, dismissed by Starmer as "absolute garbage".

"Labour will raise your taxes, it's in their DNA. Your work, your car, your pension, Labour will tax it," the BBC quoted Sunak as saying.

In response, the Labour leader said Britain's ruling Conservative Party "put pretend Labour policies into the Treasury to produce a fantasy figure", reports the Guardian.

Questioning the timing of Sunak's decision to call for the general elections, Starmer said, "If he thinks things are going to get better towards the second half of this year, why has he called it now? He's called it now because he knows, and I'll ask him this, he knows inflation is going to go back up, he knows energy prices are going to go back up in the autumn. That's what he's not telling you."

One of the main focus areas of the debate was Sunak appearing to suggest that he would be willing to pull the country from the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) if his controversial Rwanda policy did not work.

Rwanda policy refers to the Prime Minister's controversial plan to send asylum seekers who cross the English Channel to the East African nation.

"I'm crystal clear, I believe all our plans are compliant with our international obligations, but if I am forced to choose between securing our borders and our country's security, or a foreign court, I'm going to choose our country's security every single time," he said.

Slamming Sunak over the remarks, Starmer, a former human rights lawyer, said, "We will not pull out of international agreements and international law which is respected the world over. Because I want the UK to be a respected player on the global stage, not a pariah who doesn't agree with international law."

Another topic that the two leaders clashed on was the National Health Services (NHS). While Sunak said he would use private healthcare if a "loved one was on a long waiting list for an operation", Starmer replied that he would not and would rely on the NHS alone.

"Never Faced Political Pressure": Chief Justice DY Chandrachud At Oxford



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London : While elections lie at the core of India's constitutional democracy, judges reflect a sense of continuity of constitutional values that protect the system, Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud said in his address at the Oxford Union Society.

Addressing the famous University of Oxford institution on the topic of the humanising role adjudicators can play in society, the senior-most judge of India's top court highlighted the role of technology in injecting greater transparency into the judicial system.

Acknowledging some of the "unfair" criticism aimed at judges on social media, the Chief Justice asserted that the overall impact of technology is to help the judiciary reach out to a wider section of society.

Elections lie at the core of constitutional democracy ... judges are not elected in India and for a reason; judges reflect a sense of continuity of conditions, a continuity of constitutional values," he said in response to a question referencing the general elections, the results of which were declared earlier in the day.

The judiciary has a vital role to play in a democracy, which is that we reflect a sense of tradition and we also reflect a sense of what the future of a good society should be," Chief Justice Chandrachud said.

Asked about political and societal pressures he may have faced while handing down judgments, the Chief Justice stated that he has never faced a "sense of political pressure from the powers that be" in his 24 years as a judge.

"We live lives which are relatively isolated from the political arm of the government ... but obviously judges have to be conversant with the impact of their decisions on the polity at large. That's not political pressure but an understanding by the court of the likely impact of a decision," he said.

Chief Justice Chandrachud, who took questions from the student audience members, was asked about the Supreme Court's Special Marriage Act judgment that ruled against legalising same-sex marriage in India last year.

"I'm not here to defend the judgment because, as a judge, I believe once a judgment is delivered, it becomes the property of not just the nation but global humanity. The Special Marriage Act was a law enacted by Parliament ... which contemplates a marriage in a heterosexual relationship," he said, going on to share that he was in the minority in that case in a certain specific aspect as he was in favour of recognising civil unions for same-sex couples "until such time as Parliament stepped in".

"Three of my colleagues didn't agree with us because they felt even the recognition of same-sex unions was beyond the purview of the court ... What happens in courts in modern democracies is not really to be looked at in terms of the substantive outcomes of the case. The court is involved in a continuous process of dialogue, not only with the litigating parties but a dialogue with civil society," he said.

This was the main motivation behind his decision to livestream important constitutional cases, he added.

"We need to take the process of justice and the administration of law to the homes and the hearts of people," he said.

As an independent, student-led society with a membership primarily drawn from the University of Oxford, the Oxford Union Society, commonly referred to as the Oxford Union, dates back to 1823 as one of the world's leading debating societies created to uphold the principles of free speech.

In his keynote address, Chief Justice Chandrachud spoke at length about the judiciary as an instrument of justice that brings order and certainty and combats the dehumanising effects in society through a humanising approach towards adjudication.

"Technological intervention has humanised the process for the parties and the administrative staff of our courts. It is my duty, however, to place a small caveat: I'm not a proponent of the complete automation of procedures.

Around 25 People, Who Were On Cruise, Mysteriously Fall Sick On US Flight

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Washington : Around a dozen passengers mysteriously fell ill on a United Airlines flight from Vancouver, Canada to Houston, Texas after disembarking a cruise ship. The plane reached Houston at George Bush Intercontinental Airport with roughly 25 passengers feeling unwell, as per a report in USA Today.

Notably, a group of 75 travellers had been on the cruise before the flight. Of these, several passengers complained of nausea, flu-like symptoms, and feeling sick. There were 163 passengers and six crew members aboard the flight.

Emergency medical personnel from the Houston Fire Department checked on three of the passengers upon the plane's landing but none of them needed hospitalisation.

United Airlines told USA Today in a statement, "Several passengers who had been on the same cruise and did not feel well were on United Flight 1528 from Vancouver to Houston. United Airlines is actively coordinating with health authorities to address the situation."

They added, "As a precautionary measure, the aircraft will be removed from service and go through a deep cleaning before returning to service. Ensuring the health and safety of our passengers and crew remains our top priority."

However, the airlines did not mention anything about the cruise or the flyers that had been travelling before their flight.

Meanwhile, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) added that the passengers did not report any serious disease and the flight continued with its schedule.

"Public health officers from CDC's Houston Port Health Station worked with EMS to evaluate ill passengers on board. Most of the ill passengers reported mild GI symptoms. No passengers were noted to have a fever during the flight or upon public health assessment at landing. No passengers met CDC criteria for further public health follow-up. Passengers from the flight continued with their travel plans," a CDC spokesperson said in an emailed statement.

What US said about reports of external influence over Indian elections by western powers

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Washington : The US has commended the Indian government and the people for successfully participating and completing the Lok Sabha elections.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is poised to form the government for a third consecutive term with the BJP-led NDA getting a majority in the Lok Sabha, notwithstanding crushing losses in three Hindi heartland states after a bitterly fought election that was projected as a referendum on his popularity.

The Election Commission of India has declared results for 542 of the 543 Lok Sabha constituencies, with the BJP winning 240 seats and the Congress 99.

"On behalf of the United States, we want to commend the government of India and voters there for successfully completing and participating in such a massive electoral undertaking, and we look forward to seeing the final results," State Department Spokesperson Matthew Miller told reporters at his daily news conference

He was responding to a question on the Lok Sabha elections in India, in which the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) crossed the halfway mark of 272 seats, paving the way for a third consecutive term for Modi.

"First of all, our understanding is that the election results have not been finalised. So we will wait for the finalisation of those election results before we offer any definitive comment," Miller said when asked to comment on the results.

"I'm also not going to comment on winners and losers in an election, as is our case around the world. What is important for us and what we have seen over the past six weeks is the largest exercise of democracy in history as the Indian people came to the polls," he added.

He also denied reports of external influence in Indian elections by Western powers, including the US.

"We always will express our views clearly and openly. We express them with foreign governments privately and, when we have things that we are concerned about, we also express them publicly, including from this podium. That's what I've done. But that, in no way, is an attempt to influence an election in India or anywhere else," Miller said.

He said he expects the close partnership between the US and India to continue.

"There is a great partnership, both at the government level and at the people-to-people level, and I fully expect that to continue," Miller said.

World leaders congratulate PM after election win: `Ready to work to boost ties`



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New Delhi : World leaders congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi after his BJP-led alliance secured a majority in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, setting the stage for a third five-year term in office.

In a tweet, Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay congratulated PM Modi and said he looked forward to working with him closely to further boost bilateral relations. He also praised the Prime Minister for his continuing efforts to take India to great heights.

Thanking him, PM Modi said, "Bharat-Bhutan relations will continue to grow from strength to strength."

Nepali Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' congratulated PM Modi for securing a third consecutive term.

"Congratulations to PM Narendra Modi on the electoral success of BJP and NDA in the Lok Sabha elections for the third consecutive term. We are happy to note the successful completion of the world's largest democratic exercise with the enthusiastic participation of the people of India," Prachanda tweeted.

Replying to his Nepali counterpart, PM Modi said he looked forward to continued cooperation to strengthen the India-Nepal friendship.

Mohamed Muizzu, the president of the Maldives, which is involved in a diplomatic row with India, said he looked forward to "working together to advance our shared interests in pursuit of shared prosperity and stability for our two countries".

"Congratulations to Prime Minister @narendramodi, and the BJP and BJP-led NDA, on the success in the 2024 Indian General Election, for the third consecutive term. I look forward to working together to advance our shared interests in pursuit of shared prosperity and stability for our two countries," Muizzu tweeted.

Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe congratulated PM Modi and said his country, as the closest neighbour, looked forward to strengthening ties with India.

"I extend my warmest felicitations to the @BJP4India led NDA on its victory, demonstrating the confidence of the Indian people in the progress and prosperity under the leadership of PM @narendramodi. As the closest neighbour Sri Lanka looks forward to further strengthening the partnership with India," Wickremesinghe tweeted.

In response, PM Modi told Wickremesinghe that as the India-Sri Lanka partnership charted new frontiers, he looked forward to his continued support.

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The BJP won 240 of 543 seats but fell short of the majority mark of 272. However, with crucial support from N Chandrababu Naidu's Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and Nitish Kumar's JD(U) and other alliance partners, the NDA crossed the halfway mark and won 292 seats.

Air Canada Delhi-Toronto Flight gets bomb threat, nothing suspicious found

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New Delhi : An Air Canada flight (AC43) en route from Delhi to Toronto received a bomb threat e-mail on Tuesday which turned out to be a hoax.

The flight that was scheduled to take off around 10.50 pm, was sent to the isolation bay. Necessary aircraft screening process was undertaken, to ensure the safety of passengers.

The Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) office received an email at 10.50 pm on Tuesday stating that a bomb had been planted on the Delhi-Toronto Air Canada flight, the officials said, reported PTI.

"Following standard security protocols, a thorough inspection was conducted and nothing suspicious was found," a senior police officer said.

Legal action in the matter is being taken, he said.

In a similar incident last week, a Paris-Mumbai Vistara flight, with 306 passengers and crew members onboard, received "a handwritten note on an airsickness bag threatening a bomb" in the aircraft, a media report said citing a source.

A Delhi-Srinagar Vistara flight with 177 passengers onboard received a bomb threat mid-air. It landed safely in Srinagar and all the passengers and the crew were evacuated.

Chandrababu Naidu to stay with NDA, likely to seek Speaker's post

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New Delhi : A day after the Telugu Desam Party's (TDP) impressive performance in Andhra Pradesh in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, as well as the Assembly elections, party chief N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday reaffirmed his decision to "firmly stay" with the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

Sources said that Naidu is likely to put forth his demand for the Speaker's post during the high-profile NDA meeting in Delhi today.

They added that no one from the Opposition INDIA bloc has spoken to Naidu yet, though some feelers may have been sent to the TDP chief.

Ahead of leaving for the national capital, Chandrababu Naidu held a press conference in Vijayawada, in which he told reporters, "I am experienced and I have seen several political changes in this country. We are in the NDA, I'm going to the NDA meeting in Delhi."

"After the completion of the election, this is my first press meeting before going to Delhi. I am very glad for the support of the voters. Ups and downs are common in politics. Many political leaders and parties have been ousted in history. This is a historic election. Even voters from abroad returned to their hometowns to exercise their votes." he said.

He even thanked Jana Sena, the TDP and NDA's alliance partner in Andhra Pradesh, saying that the party's chief Pawan Kalyan "took the responsibility of saving" the state.

"I also thank him for taking the responsibility of moving the alliance forward. Then the BJP came and joined us, and we all worked together for this victory," Naidu added.



Congress short of 100, BJP couldn't cross halfway mark

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New Delhi : The Election Commission of India on Wednesday declared results for all the 543 Lok Sabha seats that went to the polls from April 19 to June 1, with the Congress winning 99 constituencies and the BJP securing 240, falling short of the majority mark of 272.

According to the final results, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to form a government at the Centre for a third consecutive term despite his BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) fell short of expectations in the face of a surprisingly strong showing by the Opposition INDIA bloc, as well as crushing losses in key states like Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

The 2024 results were a far cry from the 303 and 282 seats the BJP-led NDA had won in 2019 and 2014, respectively, to have a majority on its own.

counting of votes took place for 542 Lok Sabha seats since Mukesh Dalal, the BJP's Surat candidate, was elected unopposed.

The last result to be declared was that of Maharashtra's Beed Lok Sabha seat, where NCP (SP) candidate Bajrang Manohar Sonwane defeated the BJP's Pankaja Munde by 6,553 votes.

As per the Election Commission's final results, the Congress won 99 seats compared to 52 it secured in the 2019Assembly polls, wriggling into the BJP's share in Rajasthan and Haryana.

Meanwhile, two key members of the INDIA bloc -- Samajwadi Party and Trinamool Congress -- secured thumping victories in Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, respectively.

While the Samajwadi Party won 37 seats, the Trinamool Congress secured 29, higher than its 2019 tally of 22.

These are the number of seats won by parties in all states and Union Territories in the 2024 polls - DMK 22; TDP 16; JD(U) 12; Shiv Sena (UBT) 9; NCP (SP) 8; Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) 7; Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) 5; YSRCP 4; RJD 4; CPI(M) 4; IUML 3; AAP 3; JMM 3; Jana Sena Party 2; CPI (ML) (Liberation) 2; JD(S) 2; VCK 2; CPI 2; RLD 2; National Conference 2; United People's Party Liberal 1; Asom Gana Parishad 1; Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) 1; Kerala Congress 1; Revolutionary Socialist Party 1; NCP 1; Voice of the People Party 1; Zoram People's Movement 1; Shiromani Akali Dal 1; Rashtriya Loktantrik Party 1; Bharat Adivasi Party 1; Sikkim Krantikari Morcha 1; MDMK 1; Aazad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram) 1; Apna Dal (Soneylal) 1; AJSU Party 1; AIMIM 1; and Independent 7.

More than 640 million votes were counted, which were polled in the world's largest democratic exercise conducted in seven phases.

All 25, who won Lok Sabha Polls to become MPs

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New Delhi : At 25, at least four candidates are set to become the youngest members of Parliament (MPs) after winning the Lok Sabha elections, results of which were declared yesterday.

Pushpendra Saroj and Priya Saroj fought on Samajwadi Party's ticket, while Shambhavi Choudhary and Sanjana Jatav were fielded by the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) and the Congress respectively.

Meet The 4 Youngest MPs

Shambhavi Choudhary

Shambhavi Choudhary is the daughter of Ashok Choudhary, a minister in the Nitish Kumar cabinet in Bihar.

She won from the Samastipur constituency after defeating her nearest rival - Sunny Hazari of Congress - by a comfortab;le margin. Sunny Hazari is the son of JD(U) minister Maheshwar Hazari.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had earlier praised Shambhavi as the youngest NDA candidate while addressing a campaign rally.

Sanjana Jatav

Sanjana Jatav won from the Bharatpur constituency in Rajasthan. The 25-year-old defeated BJP's Ramswaroop Koli by a margin of 51,983 votes.

She had also fought the 2023 Assemby elections but lost to BJP's Ramesh Khedi by just 409 votes.

Sanjana is married to Kaptan Singh - a Rajasthan police constable.

Pushpendra and Priya Saroj

Pushpendra Saroj entered the political battlefield as a SP candidate from the Kaushambi parliamentary seat - previously held by the BJP. He won by defeating sitting BJP MP Vinod Kumar Sonkar by a margin of 103,944 votes.

Pushpendra is the son of five-time MLA and former Uttar Pradesh Minister Inderjit Saroj.

Priya Saroj won from the Machhlishahr seat by a margin of 35,850 votes. She had been pitted against sitting BJP MP Bholanath. Priya is the daughter of three-time MP Toofani Saroj.

INDIA bloc should claim at government- Uddhav Thackeray

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New Delhi : After an impressive show by the INDIA bloc in the Lok Sabha polls, former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said that the Opposition alliance should claim to form a government at the Centre.

"We should claim to form government. I will go to Delhi tomorrow evening. The exact numbers are yet to be released," Uddhav Thackeray said.

He also alleged that the only reason why the BJP had allies was because they were "fearful" of the party. He also accused the saffron party of "harassing" Chandrababu Naidu.

The BJP fought the Andhra Pradesh Lok Sabha elections and Assembly elections in alliance with Naidu's Telugu Desam Party (TDP).

One of the states where the INDIA bloc had an impressive performance was Maharashtra. The Opposition alliance is leading on 30 seats, while the BJP-led NDA is leading on 17 seats.

Massive fire breaks out at children's eye hospital in Delhi

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New Delhi : A massive fire broke out at a children's eye hospital in Delhi today. Soon after the incident, as many as 12 fire tenders arrived at the spot, and efforts to douse the fire is underway.

The incident took place at Eye 7 Children's Hospital in Lajpat Nagar.

As per the visuals, a dark plume of black smoke can be seen coming out of the building.

Further details regarding the incident are awaited.

In a similar incident earlier in May, at least seven newborns died after a major fire engulfed a children's hospital in Delhi. According to the officials, a total of 12 newborn babies were safely evacuated from the hospital.

However, after the incident made headlines, it was found that the hospital had been marred by controversy a few years ago. Dr. Naveen Khichi, the owner of the hospital, was accused of assaulting a newborn during treatment. It was also found that the hospital was unregistered.

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