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INDIA INCREDIBLY MODI-FIED

Anti-BJP forces bite dust, party betters its 2014 feat

Modi hai to mumkin hai. The evocative tagline of the BJP campaign aptly reflects the party's massive victory in the Lok Sabha polls. The brand 'Modi' has outshone every competitor, be it regional satraps or Congress president Rahul Gandhi, who found few takers for his "chowkidar chor hai" jibe at the PM.

The result shows the BJP has emerged as a pan-India force as the saffron party made big inroad into the strongly protected fortresses of Mamata Banerjee's West Bengal and Navin Patnaik's Odisha. Except Kerala and Tamil Nadu, the footprint of the BJP is clearly visible all over the country.

The result emphatically

negated pre-poll calculations that the coming together of anti-BJP forces in several States could stop Modi's juggernaut there. While the Uttar Pradesh's mahagathbandhan Samajhwadi Party and BSP did pull down the BJP a bit, but in Bihar, Jharkhand, Karnataka and Maharashtra, no one could

withstand the force of the allpervasive Modi wave. The outcome is particularly worrisome for West Bengal

I congratulate

Banerjee, who had emerged as the most vocal critic of the Prime Minister during the poll campaign. All the seven phases of the polls were marred by violence, and both the PM and BJP chief Amit Shah had warned that those engaged in bloodletting will pay for it after the elections. Now, that the BJP stands neck and neck with the TMC in terms of tally and its voting percentage has increased phenomenally, the party is expected to make a big push to grab power in the State in next Assembly polls.

The West Bengal result shows that, like in every other part of India, there has been a significant consolidation of Hindu voters in the State with 27 per cent Muslim population. The BJP's strategy to centre its campaign around Hindutva

paid off rich dividends.

The BJP victory is all the more significant because the party crossed halfway mark of 50 per cent seats in 17 States such as Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, UP, Rajasthan, Arunachal Pradesh among others.

The Congress will have a lot to think after its pathetic show. Rahul Gandhi may have

Chief Minister Mamata won from Wavanad with a record margin, but his humiliating defeat at the hands of Smriti Irani in the family pocket borough of Amethi is the cruelest blow the BJP has inflicted on the Congress chief.

The results show that in direct contest with the BJP, the Congress has no chance to survive. The two parties were locked in direct contest on 184 seats, of which 174 went to

There is no denying the fact that Hindutva and nationalism were the two most prominent agenda for the BJP. No surprise Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur was able to vanquish veteran Digvijaya Singh despite calling Nathuram Godse a nationalist. Giriraj Singh's massive victory over Kanhaiya Kumar is also reflection of the success of the party's

Hindutva agenda.

The BJP victory is undoubtedly fuelled by the support of all sections and caste, but it is believed that even a significant section of the Muslim voted for the saffron outfit. Senior BJP leader Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi put this number to 30 per cent. Continued on Page 6

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BJP workers welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi as he arrives at the party headquarters to celebrate the party's victory in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections in New Delhi on Thursday

It is victory of people, avows Prime Minister

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

Stating that the landslide repeat mandate has surprised the whole world and put forward a "new narrative" for India for waging a decisive battle against poverty, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday promised that he would go all-out to live up to the "big trust" reposed on him by the people. The PM said he would carry all political parties along to make the country

prosperous and strong.

Modi, who walked into the BJP headquarters in the evening along with party chief Amit Shah to a tumultuous welcome with thousands of workers chanting "Modi-Modi", "Bharat Mata ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram, said the ultimate victor in the elections are people of India who "fought the

He said political pundits will have to re-visit their tools to analyse the repeat "prachand bahumat" (massive mandate)" saying "this is new India".

Taking a dig at political parties deriving their sustenance from the "tag of secu-larism", Modi said they were silenced by the big political victory of BJP in 2014. "2014 tak us jamat ne bolna band kar diya", he said saying they were "de-masked".

Vowing that he would go beyond caste-based considerations, the Prime Minister said, "Caste-based political parties received a big shock this elec-tion", adding, "with the spirit which prevailed during freedom movement we can remove poverty during 2019 to 24".

Detailing his welfare schemes which fulfilled aspirations of youth, farmers, labourers and middle-class, Modi said his Government would fast-track its war against

poverty next five-year. Taking a dig at Left parties and their alleged commitment to the welfare of workers, he said the BJP Government provided pension to 40 crore labourers

in the unorganised sector. Even as Shah in his address to workers directly attacked dynasty, caste and politics of appeasement and the setback they got in the poll results, the Prime Minister said he would let go of what happened during polls and run the Government with the consensus of all.

"Governments are formed by majority but run by consensus of all", he said adding "we have to look ahead" and taken even our political rivals with us for making India a prosperous and strong country.

Thanking all party workers for their "selfless work", Modi said "aapne is fakir ki jholi bhar di" and it is time "I fulfil my promises". In 2014, he said people did not know him but trusted and "now you trusted

after knowing me".
Shah, in his speech, said BIP won more than 50 per cent votes in 17 States including in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. He said this (50 per cent) vote was achieved by shaking up the traditional caste calculations.

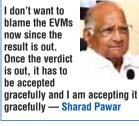


Narendra Modiii and BJP for their electoral victory. People of India have decided that Narendra Modi will be the PM again and I fully respect that. I take 100 per cent responsibility for this defeat — Rahul Gandh

the winners. But all losers are not losers. We have to do a complete review and then we will share our views with you all. Let the counting process be completed fully and the VVPATs

matched — Mamata Banerjee

This victory is a win of pure nationalism over the parties supporting ideology of tukde tukde gang Amit Shah



Southern comfort for red-faced Rahul

performed miserably against the BJP at the national level. Party president Rahul Gandhi faced the mortification of a humiliating defeat at the hands of Smriti Irani in the family bastion of Amethi.

The party scored a duck in 18 States and saw nine of its former Chief Ministers biting the dust. For the second time, the grand old party did not get enough number to bag Leader of Opposition post in the Lok Sabha.

While Rahul lost from Amethi, there were no takers for sister Priyanka Gandhi in UP. The party lost all the seats where Priyanka campaigned or conducted roadshows.

The only face saver for Congress was Kerala (15) and Puniab (8) which helped the party reach a tally 51 (till 8pm) seats which is merely seven more from the tally of 2014

general elections.

The States where the After its success in the three Congress could not even open its account include Rajasthan, ress once again Guiarat, Delhi, Harvana Uttarakhand, Odisha, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh. Apart from these, the Congress also has no presence in Andaman and Nicobar, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Lakshadweep, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim

and Tripura. The UPA which has Congress as its main constituents could not even touch three digit figure with its major alliance partners like NCP, ID(S) and others showing a dismal performance.

Senior Congress leaders who lost included Lok Sabha leader Mallikarjun Kharge from Kalaburgi in Karnataka, former Delhi CM Shiela Dikshit from North East Delhi, former Madhya Pradesh CM Digyijaya Singh from Bhopal, former Maharashtra Chief Ministers Ashok Chavan from Nanded.

OVERALL 542/543 NDA **UPA OTHERS**

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 Following a clear lead on over 300 Lok Sabha seats. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday addressing BJP party workers at the BJP Headquarters said, "Even a single political party could not mislead the country by wearing a mask of secularism." He emphasised how the Opposition could not make inflation or corruption an election issue

BJP storms Mamata's citadel

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Left and Congress were blown off, TMC lost much of its roof in the Saffron Fani as 2019 election results on Thursday saw BJP seriously denting Mamata Banerjee's stronghold.

In an extraordinarily polarised atmosphere, the Lok Sabha poll results found BJP making massive inroads into TMC "green fort" of Bengal apparently getting a huge chunk of Left Front votes to swing its way.

According to BJP 18 last reports — even Congress 2 as VVPATs were TMC 22 being counted — the ruling Trinamool Congress was leading in 22 seats conceding 12 seats to the BJP which was leading in 18 seats.

The Congress which won four seats in 2014 was leading in only two seats with former PCC pres
The Congress which won Percentage-wise the TMC polled about 43 per cent votes while only two seats with former PCC pres
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the TMC polled about 43 per cent votes while only two seats with former PCC president and sitting MP Adhir Chowdhury clinching the Behrampore seat and AH Khan Chowdhury lead-

ing from the Malda South seat. Making a record of sorts the Left Front not only transferred 23 per cent votes to the saffron outfit but also for the first time since 1955 drew a blank sending no MP from the erstwhile Red citadel.

wresting almost 23 per cent votes from the Left which got just about 8 per cent. Continued on Page 6

dream, sweeps Andhra

L VENKAT RAM REDDY **HYDERABAD**

The YSR Congress
Party wiped out the ruling TDP from Andhra Pradesh with a landslide victory in Assembly as well as Lok Sabha elections on Thursday.

This is almost like repetition of 1983 election results. In 1983, the TDP had won 201 seats out of 294 in the Assembly and secured 46.3 per cent vote share. Then Opposition Indian National Congress had won 60 seats, with 33.58 per cent vote share.

rewritten the history by securing 145 plus seats, out of 175 Assembly segments. In his own words, this is unprecedented in the history of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh. The TDP

Actor-turned-politician Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena suffered humiliating defeat as Pawan himself lost both the seats he contested from Gajuwaka and Bhimavaram Assembly seats. Jana Sena won iust one seat.

was confined to just 24 seats.

The YSRCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy will take oath as new CM of Andhra Pradesh on May 30 in Vijayawada.

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Jagan shatters Naidu's SP-BSP-RLD alliance fails to 'caste' its spell

The BJP trounced the caste-based alliance of SP-BSP-RLD in Uttar

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Pradesh, and along with its ally Apna Dal (Sonelal), bagged twothirds of 80 Lok Sabha seats with Prime Minister Narendra Modi winning Varanasi constituency by more than 4.5 lakh votes. Although the SP-BSP-RLD alliance did not perform as

expected, the BSP turned out to be the major gainer with 10 seats, while the SP could manage only 5 seats, less than 2 it won in 2014. However, the BSP had drawn a § blank in the last Lok Sabha elections.

The Congress was in for its biggest set-back as party chief Rahul Gandhi lost to party vice-president Jayant Chaudhary BJP's Smriti Irani by over 50,000 votes.

However, Congress bagged sole seat Rae Bareli of UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi. It was mixed fortune for the Yadav clan of the SP. Top SP leaders Mulayam Singh

• AAAP(0.01%) Yadav Mainpuri with @ AIFB(0.01%) 95,000 margin, and Akhilesh Yadav BJP{49.51%} BSP(19.27%) won by 2.5 lakh @ CPI(0.14%) INC(6:25%) JD(U){0.01%} sitting NCP(0.01%) NOTA[0.84%]

votes in Azamgarh. But his cousins and Dharmendra Yadav and Akshay RLD(1.66%) Yaday lost Budaun SHS(0.03%) and Firozabad SP(18.06%) @ Other(4.20%) seats.

While trailing party vice-president Jayant Chaudhary lost in Baghpat.

JD(U), LJP ride | BJP wins Delhi, 3 AAP on Modi wave

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

 $R^{iding\,high\,on\,the\,Modi-Shah\,magic,}_{the\ formidable\ BJP-Janata\ Dal}$ (United) alliance won 39 out of 40 seats in the BJP

2019 Lok Sabha elec- Congress 1 JD(Ū) tions in Bihar. grand LJSP The which TOTAL alliance, includes RJD), Congress, RLSP, HAM Secular, and

VIP managed to win only one seats in the State. Congress candidate Dr Mohd Jawed defeated JD(U) candidate Syed Mohd Ashraf by a margin less than 1,0000 votes in Kishanganj.

People of Bihar voted for the BJP and

its alliance JD(U) and LJP, rising above caste, class, creed and religion. Continued on Page 6

The poor performance of AAP in Delhi was complete

nominees forfeit deposit

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW **DELHI**

 $T^{ ext{he Bharatiya Janata Party}}$ (BJP) is on course to retain all the seven seats that it had won in 2014 in Delhi. BJP candidates continued to dominate the trends with five of its candidates taking the lead by the highest margins ever. BJP's roller coaster victory that remains a mere BJP

formality now, saw Congress 0 Congress and Aam AAP Aadmi Party (AAP) being relegated to second place on five and two seats respective-The AAP's rout in Delhi

was complete with its trea-surer Pankaj Gupta from Chandni Chowk, Dileep Pandey from North east and Brijesh Goval from New Delhi seat forfeited their deposits.

after it failed in security lead in the 67 Assembly seats that it had won in 2015 Delhi Assembly elections. Its candidates were placed

third in vote share in 48 Assembly constituencies. Even Gole Market and Patparganj seats held by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his deputy Manish Sisodia voted poorly in favour of AAP candidates.The BJP already went into cele-bratory mode with jubi-

lant supporters of the saffron party starting to burst crackers and shouting slogans at various counting centres. Singer-turned-politician Hans Raj Hans was leading in the Northwest Delhi constituency with a whopping margin of 5.04 lakh votes. He is pitted against AAP's Gugan Singh, who is on the second position and Congress' Rajesh

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In that way, Jagan has The PM aspirants or the probable kingmakers could not save their own turfs — from Chandrababu

Out of the total 13 seats in Punjab, Cong romped home to impressive victory on eight seats, surprising both the SAD-BJP combine and the AAP and improving its tally from

Sadhvi Pragya, from prison to Parl: From her controversial entry into the poll fray to defeating Congress veteran Digvijay Singh in Bhopal perhaps the most talked about

Motormouths and controversial leaders from the BJP like Anantkumar Hegde (Uttar (Bhopal), Sakshi Maharai (Unnao), Giriraj Singh

Congress' young turks fail to deliver, while those from the BJP ride on Modi wave to register wins: Jyotiraditya, Jitin Prasada, Gaurav Gogoi, Sushmita Dev all have lost but Anurag Thakur, Poonam Mahajan, Varun Gandhi have won

Lilothia at the third spot.

Naidu to Mamata to Sharad Pawar to Mayawati to Akhilesh — they all shared a common fate

three in 2014

Pragya Singh Thakur of the BJP was candidate of this general elections

Kannada). Nalin Kateel (Dakshin Kannada), Sadhvi Pragya Thakur

BJP's electoral shock to caste-based politics

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¬he Bharatiya Janata Party achieved a hat-trick in inflicting a huge blow to parties pursuing caste-based politics in Uttar Pradesh.

This is the third consecutive electoral shock dealt by the Bharatiya Janata Party to parties like Samajwadi Party, Bahujan Samaj Party and Rashtriya Lok Dal in the last five years.

In the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, the BSP and RLD drew a blank in UP while the SP managed to win five seats all by the party's first family.

However, three years later, in March 2017 Assembly elections, the SP's tally was reduced to 47 seats, of BSP to 19 while RLD could win only one seat.

In the 2019 general elections, against the expectation of winning 50 or more seats, the tally of these three parties is not

likely to exceed 20. To fight the BJP and prevent it from retaining power at the Centre, these three parties forged a pre-poll alliance under which BSP contested 38 seats, SP 37 and RLD three seats. The political alliance banked on the arithmetic of Dalit, OBC and Muslims, constituting nearly 80 percent of voters in UP.

The SP, which was reeling under the impact of a prolonged family feud, took the lead in stitching up the alliance with the BSP, putting aside the hostilities of the past.

The BJP, however, upset all calculations when it focused on non-Yadav OBCs and non-Jatav Dalits, wooed them effectively to turn the arithmetic around

Prime Minister Narendra Modi created a class war replacing caste war, by claiming that his caste was the caste of the poor. Yogi Adityanath



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath celebrated BJP victory with Cabinet colleagues and leaders at Party office in Lucknow Pioneer

All these, not only decimated the power of caste politics but also put a question mark on the future of the alliance.

The results also indicate that the SP and the BSP were unable to transfer their votes to each other and hostile social equations between Dalits and OBCs, especially Yadavs, prevailed over compulsions of electoral politics.

While the BSP has benefited from the alliance by ensuring its presence in the Lok Sabha, it is the SP that emerged the loser. Two of the SP's first family members, Dharmendra Yadav from Budaun and Akshay Yadav from Firozabad, lost, dealing a major blow to family politics.

The setback to the SP is likely to spur dissidence within by those who were left out of the electoral process due to alliance with BSP and RLD. Akhilesh may also face resistance from within the family as estranged uncle Shivpal Singh Yadav is likely to be the rallying point for the dissidents. After floating his own party, Shivpal had consistently further dissolved caste lines opposed the alliance calling it

Promises to fulfill

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 $W^{
m ith}$ people reposing faith in the Bharatiya Janata Party once again and giving a resounding mandate to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it will be a trying time for the ruling party leaders to fulfil the promises they have made during the election campaign. Sample the promises that the BJP leaders made during the

poll campaign: RAJNATH SINGH

Lucknow to be made one of the most beautiful cities of the world. Projects worth ₹50,000 crore are in the pipeline which will make Lucknow commuter-friendly and one of the cleanest cities of India

YOGI ADITYANATH • If the BJP comes to power in 2019, the NDA government will set up a sports university in

•Green Expressway from Delhi to Saharanpur to Yamunotri.

 Vasudev Tirth Sthal to be developed in Amroha and efforts to be made to clean the river Ganga there.

•Dholak trade to be developed under One District One Product (ODOP) scheme.

Behmai bridge to be com-•An auditorium will be

constructed in Varanasi. SADHVI NIRANJAN

•A medical college and a Central school in Fatehpur. Rail Park in Fatehpur city. Drinking water to be provided in 64 villages near Ganga

by constructing overhead tanks and installing 64 hand pumps. ANUPRIYA PATEL Mirzapur to be developed as a tourist destination which in

turn will generate employment at village level. Temple of Vindhyachal will be brought under religious

tourism map.
SANTOSH GANGWAR • The famous rubber factory to be re-opened in Bareilly.

•Four industrial areas of Parsakheda, Rajau, Bhojipura and Faridpur to be developed. Textile Park to be developed in city.

●Mega Food Park will be

Booth management, govt welfare schemes did the trick

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The Bharatiya Janata Party was able to counter caste politics through booth management and welfare schemes which the Central government launched for the marginalised

"This election is a clear testimony of BJP breaking the spell of caste politics unleashed by caste-based parties like Bahujan Samaj Party and Samajwadi Party. The party was able to overcome the challenge through better booth management," a senior BJP leader said when asked how the party was able to accomplish such an onerous

In early January, when Mayawati and Akhilesh Yadav announced the formation of an alliance, which was later joined by Ajit Singh's Rashtriya Lok Dal, political pundits started writing requiem of the BJP as the caste arithmetic posed threat to it. The vote banks of Yadav, Muslim, Dalit and Jats when combined came up as a formidable combination with a staggering vote share that surpassed BJP's vote share of

The Bharatiya Janata Party revised its poll strategy and launched 'Mera Booth Sabse Mazboot' campaign under which programmes were launched to beef up booth management. Booth adhyaksh and panna pramukh (in-charge of the page of voters' list) were appointed and the party brass kept in touch with these people.

What actually turned the table in favour of the BJP was identification beneficiaries of government schemes and BJP workers were asked to remain

in touch with them. "There were 3.86 crore beneficiaries of government schemes like Ujjawala, Saubhagya Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. The BJP members (numbering 1.36 crore) got in touch with the beneficiaries and they were used as mascot of government's successful schemes," said BJP state general secretary Vijay Bahadur

"These beneficiaries became the talking points of the success of government projects. As the Union government did not discriminate on the basis of caste, creed or religion in the extension of these schemes, the message went deep in all sections of society and helped in breaking the caste barrier," he

The Bharatiya Janata Party did its homework very well. The party identified 54 constituencies which were tough for them as the caste arithmetic was against them. "We used social chemistry to dilute caste obduracy. This is the reason why the party got 53 per cent of votes against a target of 50 per cent," he said.

In the 2014 elections, the BJP and its ally Apna Dal (Sonelal) had won 73 out of 80 seats in UP. This time the tally has come down to 60 but increase in vote percentage has made the party brass

tions", said a SP leader.

The SP cadre is however

confident of the party's good

ing by the BJP in Lok Sabha elec-

tions in UP had its impact on the

SP. The party's state office on

Thursday wore a deserted look

as Akhilesh Yadav went into a

huddle with senior party lead-

seen discussing the future

prospects of the party and future

of its alliance with the BSP and

which usually does brisk busi-

ness wore a deserted look with

no buyers though the torrid

weather also came in the way of

people stepping out of their

Some party workers were

A shop outside the SP office

ers to discuss future strategy.

BJP upper hand in two Assembly bypolls too

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Akin to its performance in the Lok Sabha elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party was leading in the two UP Assembly seats, bypolls to which were held along with the parliamentary elections.

In Agra (North) Assembly seat, BJP's Purshottam Khandelwal was leading his

nearest SP candidate Suraj Sharma by over 30,000 votes. Similarly, in Nighasan Assembly constituency in Lakhimpur Kheri, BJP's Shashank Verma was leading

Qayum by more than 52,000 votes. Bypolls to both these Assembly seats were necessitated following the death of BJP

his SP rival Mohammad

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with his aggressive Hindutva a 'Thugbandhan'. **BJP** maintains edge in reserved seats

Out of the 17 Reserved seats in Uttar Pradesh, the BJP maintained a significant edge on 14 whereas BSP candidates were ahead on three seats.

In Nagina (Reserved), Machhlishahr (Reserved) seats, the BSP led the pack.

In Nagina, BSP candidate Girish Chandra was ahead of BJP's Yashwant Singh by 1.63 lakh votes, whereas in Lalganj (Reserved), BSP's Sangeeta Azad was leading BJP's Neelam Sonkar by 1.28 lakh votes. Machhlishahr seat was witnessing a neck-to-neck fight with BSP's Tribhuvan Ram ahead of BJP's Bholanath by a thin margin of 1,144 votes.

In the rest of the 15 seats, BJP candidates seemed to have

pipped their opponents.

In Bulandshahr, BJP's Bhola Singh was ahead of BSP's Yogesh Verma by 2.84 lakh

votes. In Hathras, Rajveer Diler of BJP was ahead of SP's Ramji Lal Suman.

In Shahjahanpur, BJP's Arun Kumar Sagar led his nearest rival, BSP's Amar Chandra Naushad, by 1.38 lakh

Jay Prakash was steering ahead of nearest contender, SP's Usha Verma, by over 52,000 votes in Hardoi. Similarly, BJP's Ashok

Kumar was ahead of BSP's Dr Neelu Satyarthi in Mishrikh. In Mohanlalganj, BJP candidate Kaushal Kishore defeat-

ed his closest rival CL Verma of BSP by 89,800 votes. Etawah, BJP's Ramashankar Katheriya was ahead of SP's Kamlesh Kumar by about 35,000 votes whereas in Jalaun, BJP's Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma was leading BSP's

Ajay Singh by about one lakh In Kaushambi, BJP's Vinod Kumar Sonkar was leading SP's Indrajeet Saroj while in Barabanki, BJP's Upendra Rawat was ahead of SP's Ram Sagar Rawat by over 71,000

In Bahraich, BJP's Aksharwar Lal was ahead of SP's Shabbir Valmiki by 1,28,000 votes whereas in Bansgaon, BJP's Kamlesh Paswan was ahead of BSP's Sadal Prasad by 1.40 lakh votes.

In Agra, BJP's Satyapal Singh Baghel was ahead of BSP's Manoj Kumar Soni by over 90,000 votes.

In Robertsganj, Pakauri Lal of Apna Dal (Sonelal) was ahead of SP's Bhai Lal by 54,336

The 17 reserved seats of the state were in the BJP's kitty in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. In the 2009 general elections, 10 reserved seats went to the SP, whereas the Congress, BSP and BJP bagged two seats each with one seat going to RLD.

Akhilesh's experiment fails again

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With the second successive defeat of Samajwadi Party under his leadership, the challenges before Akhilesh Yadav are set to mount.

The SP lost the March 2017 UP Assembly election under the leadership of Akhilesh Yadav. In 2017, he was not only the Chief Minister of UP, but also the

Defying the wishes of his father Mulayam Singh Yadav, Samajwadi Party had contested the 2017 UP Assembly election in alliance with the Congress. The SP had conceded over 100 seats to its new ally but the alliance proved to be a disaster for both the parties as the tally of the SP plummeted to 47 and that of the Congress to 7 in the 403-member UP Assembly.

The SP had won 224 seats in th 2012 Assembly election and for the first time had formed the government on its own strength. Refusing to draw lesson from the past mistakes, the SP

again forged alliance with the

Bahujan Samaj Party and later

As per the seat sharing for-

mula, SP contested only 37 Lok Sabha seats — there was no SP candidate in rest of the 43 Lok Sabha constituencies in UP. Mulayam Singh Yadav had opposed this alliance also but Akhilesh Yadav chose to ignore his father. Sources in the Samajwadi

Party said the results of the Lok Sabha elections have proved that alliance with the BSP was a costly bargain for the party.

"It was the BSP which gained immensely from the alliance as it raised its tally of seats from zero to 12 while we could add only two seats to our

future and endorses the decision of Akhilesh Yadav to go for alliance with the BSP and RLD. "There is no question of despair. Akhilesh Yadav has already asked the rank and file of the party to start preparation for the 2022 UP Assembly elections," said SP MLC Rajpal included Ajit Singh's led Meanwhile, the good show-

tally of 2014 Lok Sabha elec-

Six Muslims elected

from UP this time

No Muslim candidate could win the Lok Sabha election from Uttar

Khan has been elected to Lok Sabha from Rampur, where he defeated Bharatiya Janata Party candidate Jaya Prada while ST Hasan of the SP has been elected from Moradabad. He is former mayor of Moradabad.

has been elected from Sambhal seat. Similarly, BSP's Haji Fazrur Rahman from Saharanpur, Afzal Ansari from Ghazipur and Danish Ali from Amroha

have won the Lok Sabha election. As usual, BJP had not fielded any Muslim candidate this time too but SP and BSP fielded Muslim candidates in strategic constituencies with significant population of the minority community.

North Eastern Railway E-TENDER NOTICE On behalf of the President of India, acting through Chief Administrative Officer/Con., North Eastern Railway, and Gorakhpur invites the following E-Works Tenders:-Approximate E- Tender No Earnest DYCE-CON-HQ-GKP-17-2019 Money (Rs.) Form (Rs.) Value

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Congress goes into coma in UP

Already gasping for breath uttar Pradesh, Congress on Thursday went into coma in the state with party chief Rahul Gandhi set to lose his Amethi parliamentary seat to BJP's Smriti

In the 2017 Assembly polls in UP, Congress could win just seven seats and in the 2019 general elections, it was expected to win only UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi's traditional seat of Rae Bareli, setting danger bells ringing for the party.

This could be Congress' worst electoral performance in UP since 1977 general election after the Emergency. That time, the Congress had lost all the 85 Lok Sabha seats in UP, including that of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi (Rae Bareli) and her son Sanjay Gandhi (Amethi).



UPCC office in Lucknow wore a deserted look as election trends trickled in on Thursday

What is shocking is that newly-appointed Congress general secretary in-charge UP (east), Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who

was expected to better the party's prospects, also failed to deliver. Despite her extensive campaigning in Amethi,

she failed to arrest the slide

in Congress pocket borough Amethi.

While Rahul was set to lose in Amethi, Sonia Gandhi won the Rae Bareli

votes. Besides the Gandhis, no former minister of the UPA regime from UP could per-

form up to the expectations

seat, though with a reduced

victory margin of 1.67 lakh

and were set to come a poor third at most places. Disappointed over trailing by a huge margin after 20th round of counting in Fatehpur Sikri, UP Congress president Raj Babbar left the counting centre in a huff. By that time, Babbar

had conceded a lead of 1.77

lakh to BJP's Raj Kumar

When questioned by media persons, Babbar chose to be evasive. He was eager to contest from Fatehpur Sikri despite the party brass announcing his candidature from Moradabad. Babbar had filed his papers from Fatehpur Sikri on the last day of filing of nominations.

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the RLD.

Pradesh in 2014, but this time six Muslims, three each of Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party, have been elected to the Lower House of Parliament. Senior SP leader Mohammad Azam

Shafiqur Rahman Burq, also of SP,

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Rajnath wins by whopping margin Defeats SP-BSP alliance candidate Poonam Sinha by 3,47,302 votes In saffron hue

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rnion Home Minister Rajnath Singh emerged victorious in the Lucknow Lok Sabha constituency beating his nearest rival Poonam Sinha of SP-BSP alliance by a margin of 3,47,302 votes. The final (30th) round of counting saw Rajnath Singh securing 6,33,026 votes while Poonam Sinha ended up with 2,85,724 votes and Congress candidate Acharya Pramod Krishnam 1,80,011 votes. There were 15 candidates in the fray for this seat.

Rajnath was leading from the first round itself and it was evident that he would emerge as the winner as the rounds proceeded. Poonam remained at the second position and Acharya Pramod Krishnam at the third place.

There was considerable excitement as the results started pouring in and the people remained glued to their television sets watching the progress

of the counting.

At the Rama Bai Sthal the result of the first round was announced around 10 am in which Rajnath Singh had secured 23,777 votes, Poonam Sinha 10,729 and Acharya Pramod Krishnam 6,232 votes. In the second round Rajnath Singh had taken a lead of 15,312 votes by securing 25,492 votes, Poonam Sinha secured 10,630 votes and Acharya Pramod Krishnam polled 5,279 votes. This lead increased with every round with Rajnath Singh leading by 37,419 votes in the third round, by 42,657 votes in the fourth round, by 53,556 votes in the fifth round, 68,200 votes in the sixth round, 79,233 votes in the seventh round, 85,350 votes in the eighth round, 95,966 in the ninth round, 1,09,670 in the tenth round and so on.

By the 21st round Rajnath Singh had secured 48,763 votes , Poonam Sinha 2,32,667 votes and Acharya Pramod Krishnam 1,50,298 votes and by the 28th round Rajnath Singh had received 6,23,159 votes, Poonam Sinha 2,80,790 votes and Acharya Pramod Krishnam 1,77,121 votes.

Apart from the soaring mercury which had people queuing up for water the pro-





Neeraj Singh (above) and Pankaj Singh (top) celebrating their father Rajnath Singh's victory on Thursday

ceedings remained peaceful at the Rama Bai Sthal with no untoward incident being reported. District Magistrate Kaushal Raj Sharma, while talking to The Pioneer, said that

the process passed off peacefully and they had no problems with the EVMs. He said that no complaints were received from

the counting agents also.
"Only one EVM did not

show the result and so the engineer was called and it was decided that the VVPAT will be counted instead of the EVM. This happened in the EVM for this Cantonment constituency

and when the round was completed the counting agents were satisfied," he said.

He admitted that there was a delay in getting the results from Sidhauli which that was a part of the Mohanlalganj constituency. "There was thus a lag between the announcement of the result between Lucknow and Mohanlalganj and by the time we had announced the results after the 25th round of the Lucknow Lok Sabha constituency we had done only 15 rounds of the Mohanlalganj Lok Sabha constituency," he stated.

He said that the counting

agents did not make any complaints because wherever there was any issue they recounted the votes in the same round. 'We did the recounting for the same round itself then and hence there were no issues. There were several times when the counting was done again and again on the table till the counting agents were satisfied. We had almost completed the counting by 3 pm," said the District Magistrate.

Sharma said that after all the EVMs had been counted in all the five Vidhan Sabha constituencies of Lucknow Lok Sabha constituency the VVPAT lottery was carried out by the observers and the verification by the VVPAT was done. These VVPATs were taken out and brought to the counting table and then the counting was carried out. We went along with the process which is verifying the VVPAT and matching the result with the EVM for the satisfaction of the polling the satisfaction of the polling agents," he said.

On being asked what was done once the counting was over, he said that the EVMs were sealed and then placed in the carrying box which was sealed again and then they were placed in the trunk with each one having at least 10 EVMs and it was also sealed. This was then placed in the strongroom and would be done on Thursday itself," he added.

He said that these EVMs would remain in the strongrooms till the next order of the Élection Commission came or if some election petition was filed then they would be kept in the same strongroom till the court order came.



NEERAJ JOSHI ■ LUCKNOW

s the sun set down on in A Lucknow on Thursday, its gorgeous saffron hue shifted to BJP's state headquarters on Vidhan Sabha Marg with workers smearing saffron 'gulal on each other as a curtain raiser to the huge victory in Lok Sabha polls.
For BJP workers celebra-

tions started early on Thursday as the trends started being aired by various news channels and the fervour was set to con-

tinue to late into the night. Chief Minister Yog Adityanath visited the BJP headquarters amid bursting of firecrackers and showering of petals around 4 pm. The jubi-

lation peaked with Deputy CMs Keshav Prasad Maurya and Dinesh Sharma along with Shiv Kumar, mayor Sanyukta Bhatia, MLA Neeraj Bora and others joining the animated celebrations on a platform.

Yogi stayed on the a plat-form for nearly 20 minutes and exchanged pleasantries and greetings with other leaders before leaving for his official residence.

Since announcement of Exit Polls two days back, mood in the BJP office remained upbeat and by Thursday evening, it reached the crescendo. Party office bearers and workers started flocking to the BJP office and as the winning trends continued, the cheering got louder. By afternoon the party workers started beating drums, burst crackers, smeared each other with saffron gulal and exchanged congratulations.

The Lucknow Nagar Nigam (LNN) watered the road from VVIP guest house to the BJP office through Raj Bhawan and GPO Park. Security arrangement were put in place and traffic was diverted from Royal Hotel crossing, causing inconve-

nience to commuters. Till late evening, the route remained affected as VIPs continued to pour into the party office to express happiness and met top leaders.

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As the tall claims of the SP-BSP alliance fell flat with the declaration of Lok Sabha election results on Thursday, the silence was deafening. The results turned out almost exactly as predicted in some of the exit polls and the gathbandhan failed to make inroads as

expected by the supporters.

Leaders preferred to stay mum and away f rom media

glare till late afternoon. The offices of Bahujan RLD and Congress wore a deserted look as the trends showed a landslide victory for the BJP.

A Congress leader said that the party failed to convey the message of its dissociation from the SP-BSP alliance and attacked the BJP on Pulwama and other issues while the opponents won the confidence of people and

emerged victorious. About the change in trend in Amethi, where BJP candidate Smriti Irani beat Congress president Rahul Gandhi, he said Priyanka Gandhi's late entry might have resulted in the damage. However, he maintained that anything concrete could be said after brainstorming by the senior leaders.

At the BSP office, no one was available for comments as the offices were closed. The Samajwadi Party leaders also preferred to stay away from media queries.

Deafening silence at SP, BSP offices





BSP and SP officers wear a deserted look on Thursday afternoon





Kaushal Kishore upstages SP-BSP alliance candidate

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 $B^{ ext{JP}}_{ ext{Kishore, who contested}}$ from Mohanlalganj Lok Sabha constituency, beat his closest opponent CL Verma of BSP-SP alliance by 89,800 votes.

Kaushal Kishore secured 6,26,972 votes while CL Verma 5,37,172 votes and RK Chowdhary of Congress 59,632 votes. In the first round, Verma had taken a lead of 1,055 votes over Kishore. However, as the rounds progressed, it was a neck-and-neck fight and the BJP candidate finally upstaged Verma. The results of Mohanlalganj, which has four Vidhan Šabha constituencies including Sidhauli, BKT, Sarojnininagar and Mohanlalganj, were slightly delayed because the results of Sidhauli were being e-mailed 4,543 votes. By the eleventh

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from Sitapur to the counting

venue in Lucknow. In the first round, Kaushal Kishore secured 17,208 votes while CL Verma secured 1,8263 votes and RK Chowdhary 1,370 votes. After the second round, Kaushal had established a lead of 591 votes. In the fourth round, his lead swelled to 1,084 votes and in the fifth, he was leading by

round, his lead had increased to 28,325 votes.

By the 29th round, Kaushal Kishore had received 5,77,244 votes and CL Verma 4,99,995 votes and by 30th, Kishore had received 5,91,594 votes while CL Verma 5,08,959 votes. By the 31st round, Kaushal Kishore secured 6,00,315 votes as against CL Verma's tally of 5,17,003 votes.

Lesser known LS candidates in city humbled by NOTA

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 $N_{
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m OTA}$ got more votes than some of the lesser known candidates in the Lucknow Lok Sabha constituency. Out of the 7,416 votes for NOTA, 7,259 were cast through EVMs and 157 through postal ballot. Among the 12 lesser known

candidates who were in the fray from Lucknow, the maximum votes (2,104) were secured by Amar Kumar Jaiswal, followed by Ram Sagar Pal (1,251), Sanjay Singh Rana (981), Shameem Khan (935), Zimidar Singh Yadav (859), Ramesh (739), Prof DNS Yadav (675), Avinash Chandra Jain (594),Mohammed Faheem (572), Girish Narayan Pandey (569), Ganesh Chowdhary (515), and Kapil Mohan (471). Most of

Most of these candidates had candidly admitted earlier that they were not in the race but were contesting to give people more options

these candidates had candidly admitted that they were not in the race but were contesting to give people more options with their clean image. Some of the people who went for NOTA said they found no better alternative than it in the Lucknow Lok Sabha constituency.

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ट्रान्समिशन जा सकती है। भाग-1 खुलने की तिथि कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड, निविदा 26.06.2019, समय 13.30 बजे के उपरान्त एव संख्या 22 से 31/वि.पा.मं.(प्र.)ल. भाग-2 (प्राइस पार्टस) खुलने की तिथि /2019-20 अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा अनुभवी तदानुसार ई—वेबसाईट पर सूचित की जायेगी ठेकेदारों / फर्मों से निम्नलिखित कार्य निविदा प्रपत्र मुल्य रु० ५९०/- मात्र (५००.००-हेतु अलग – अलग सीलबन्द ई-निविदायें G.S.T.@18% अतिरिक्त), (6) 27-वि.पा.मं भागों में ई—टेन्डरिंग वेबसाईट (प्र.)ल/2019—20, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड—दितीय www.etender.up.nic.in पर आमन्त्रित की लखनऊ के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र

जाती हैं। ई–निविदा के प्रथम भाग में चिनहट पर 245 के.वी. आइसोलेटर हेर धरोहर धनराशि व वैधता, तकनीकी एवं मेल / फीमेल आर्म असेम्बली व विभिन्न प्रकार अनभव सम्बन्धित प्रपत्र, व्यावसायिक व अन्य -के पी.जी. क्लैम्स की आपर्ति, धरोहर धनराष्टि शर्ते आदि एवं दसरे भाग में दरें व वाणिज्यिक रू० २,०००.००, निविदा दिनॉक 25.०६.२०१९ नियम एवं शर्ते प्रदान करनी होंगी। निविदा को 16.00 बजे तक ई–टेन्डरिंग वेब साईट प्रपत्र मृत्य, धरोहर धनराशि एवं जी.एस.टी. www.etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड की पंजीकरण प्रमाण पत्र आवेदन पत्र के साथ जा सकती है। भाग-1 खलने की तिथि संलग्न करते हुए इनकी Scanned copy 26.06.2019, समय 14.00 बजे के उपरान्त एवं upload करना अनिवार्य है। निविदा प्रपत्र एवं भाग–2 (प्राइस पार्टस) खलने की तिथि **घरोहर धनराशि**, जो कि अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, तदानुसार ई-वेबसाईट पर सूचित की विद्यत पारेषण मण्डल – प्रथम, लखनऊ के जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र मृल्य रु० 236/-खाता संख्या 2408002190005438 I.F.S. मात्र **(200.00+G.S.T.@18% अतिरिक्त)** Code - PUNB0691100 पंजाब नेशनल (7) 28-वि.पा.मं.(प्र.)ल. / 2019-20, विद्युत बैंक, लखनऊ के खाते में RTGS / NEFT के पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय लखनऊ के अन्तर्गत माध्यम से स्थानान्तरित कर यूटीआर, संख्या 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र गोमती नगर पर विभिन तथा पे–स्लिप की प्रति ई–टेन्डिरिंग वेबसाईट प्रकार के उपकरणों की वार्षिक सफाई www.etender.up.nic.in पर निविदा प्रपत्रों के एवं मरम्मत का कार्य, धरोहर धनराशि रु० साथ या प्रमाणित PAN एवं GST पंजीकरण 2,000.00, निविदा दिनॉक 28.06.2019 को प्रमाण पत्र की प्रति प्रथम भाग के साथ 16.00 बजे तक ई–टेन्डरिंग वेब साईट लगाना अनिवार्य होगा। वांछित धरोहर धनरा. www.etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड की शि एवं अन्य प्रपत्र पूर्ण तथा उचित / स्वीकार्य जा सकती है। भाग–1 खुलने की तिथि योग्य न होने पर द्वितीय भाग को नहीं खोला 29.06.2019, समय 12.30 बजे के उपरान्त एवं जायेगा। ई–निविदाओं का विवरण – निविदा भाग–2 (प्राइस पार्ट्स) खुलने की तिथि का नाम. धरोहर धनराशि. खलने की तिथि व समय क्रमशः निम्नानुसार है – जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू० 236/- मात्र (1) अल्पकालिक 22-वि.पा.मं(प्र.)ल / 2019 (200.00+G.S.T.@18% अतिरिक्त), (8) 29-–20, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड–द्वितीय लखनऊ वि.पा.मं(प्र.)ल / 2019–20, विद्युत पारेषण के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्रों पर खण्ड – तृतीय लखनऊ के अन्तर्गत 132 जम्पर्स, नट बोल्ट आदि की चेकिंग, टाइटनिंग के.वी. उपकेन्द्र बाराबंकी के वार्षिक परिचालन एवं बदलने का कार्य, धरोहर धनराशि रु० सम्बन्धी कार्य, धरोहर धनराशि रु० 5,000.00, 1,500.00, निविदा दिनॉक 10.06.2019 को निविदा दिनॉक 28.06.2019 को 16.00 बजे 16.00 बजे तक ई—टेन्डरिंग वेब साईट तक ई—टेन्डरिंग वेब साईट www.etendei vww.etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड की जा up.nic.in पर अपलोड की जा सकती है सकती है। भाग—1 खुलने की तिथि भाग—1 खुलने की तिथि 29.06.2019, समर 11.06.2019, समय 12.30 बजे के उपरान्त एवं 13.00 बजे के उपरान्त एवं भाग–2 (प्राइस माग-2 (प्राइस पार्टस) खुलने की तिथि पार्ट्स) खुलने की तिथि तदानुसार तदानुसार ई–वेबसाईट पर सूचित की जायेगी। ई–वेबसाईट पर सूचित की जायेगी। निविदा निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू० २३६/- मात्र **(२००.००+** प्रपत्र मूल्य रू० ५९०/- मात्र **(५००.००**-G.S.T.@18% अतिरिक्त), (2) अल्पकालिक G.S.T.@18% अतिरिक्त), (9) 30—वि.पा.मं 23-वि.पा.म.(प्र)ल / २०१९-२०, विद्युत पारेषण (प्र.)ल. २०१९-२०, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-खण्ड-द्वितीय लखनऊ के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. तृतीय लखनऊ के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र गोमती नगर पर स्थापित 220/33 उपकेन्द्र रामसनेही घाट के वार्षिक परिचालन के.वी. 60 एम.वी.ए.परिवर्तक की लेइंग, इन्स्टा— एवं अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धी कार्य, धरोहर धनराशि लेशन एवं नई एयर पाईप लाइन की टेस्टिंग रू० 11,000.00, निविदा दिनॉक 28.06.2019 एण्ड कमिशनिंग व 3 नं. डिल्यूज वाल्व की को 16.00 बजे तक ई–टेन्डरिंग वेब साईट सर्विसिंग के कार्य, धरोहर धनराशि रु० 2,000. www.etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड र्क 00, निविदा दिनांक 10.06.2019 को 16.00 जा सकती है। भाग–1 खुलने की तिथि बजे तक ई-टेन्डरिंग वेब साईट www.etender. 29.06.2019. समय 13.30 बजे के उपरान्त एव up.nic.in पर अपलोड की जा सकती है। भाग-2 (प्राइस पार्टस) खुलने की तिथि भाग-1 खुलने की तिथि 11.06.2019, समय) तदानुसार ई-वेबसाईट पर सूचित की जायेगी 13.00 बजे के उपरान्त एवं भाग-2 (प्राइस पार्ट्स) निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रु 590/- मात्र (500.00+ खुलने की तिथि तदानुसार ई—वेबसाईट पर G.S.T.@18% अतिरिक्त), (10) अल्पकालिक सूचित की जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य 236/- 31–वि.पा.मं. (प्र.)लध्2019–20. विद्युत पारेषण मात्र **(200-00+G.S.T.@18% अतिरिक्त)**, खण्ड—ततीय लखनऊ के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी (3) 24 — वि.पा.मं.(प्र.)ल / 2019—20, विद्युत सोहावल—बाराबंकी लाइन के टावर लोकेशन पारेषण खण्ड – द्वितीय लखनऊ के अन्तर्गत सं. 83 (ए+5) को सेक्शन लोकेशन सं. 82 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र कुर्सी रोड एवं 132 (सी-0) एवं 84 (बी-0) के मध्य शिफ्ट करने के.वी. उपकेन्द्र इन्दिरानगर पर पावर परिवर्तक हेतु सामग्री सहित कार्य, धरोहर धनराशि रु० हेतु विभिन्न प्रकार के बुशिंग क्लैम्प्स एवं 7,000.00, निविदा दिनोंक 10.06.2019 को 33 के.वी. आइसोलेटर हेतु जो कान्टेक्ट्स की 16.00 बजे तक ई–टेन्डरिंग वेब साईट आपूर्ति, धरोहर धनराशि रु० २,000.00, निविदा www.etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड की दिनॉक 25.06.2019 को 16.00 बजे तक जा सकती है। भाग-1 खुलने की तिथि ई—टेन्डरिंग वेब साईट www.etender.up. 11.06.2019, समय 13.30 बजे के उपरान्त एव nic.in पर अपलोड की जा सकती है। भाग—2 (प्राइस पार्टस) खुलने की तिथि भाग–1 खुलने की तिथि 26.06.2019, समय तदानुसार ई–वेबसाईट पर सूचित की 12.30 बजे के उपरान्त एवं भाग-2 (प्राइस जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य 590/- मात्र पार्टस) खुलने की तिथि तदानुसार **(500.00+G.S.T.@18% अतिरिक्त)**. ई—निविदा ई-वेबसाईट पर सूचित की जायेगी। निविदा खुलने की तिथि को अवकाश की स्थिति रे प्रपत्र मूल्य रु 236/- मात्र **(200.00+ G.S.T.** निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस पर खोर्ल @18% अतिरिक्त), (4) 25—वि.पा.मं.(प्र.)ल / जायेगी। विस्तृत जानकारी एवं अन्य संशोधनो 2019—20, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड – द्वितीय आदि के सम्बन्ध में सूचना एवं निविदा प्रपत्र लखनऊ के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. पारेषण डाउनलोड करने हेतु ई–टेन्डरिंग वेबसाईट लाइनों की वार्षिक पेट्रोलिंग एवं अनुरक्षण www.etender.up.nic.in देखी जा सकती है सम्बन्धी कार्य, धरोहर धनराशि रू० 13,000. कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी, डाउनलोड, अन्य 00, निविदा दिनॉक 25.06.2019 को संशोधनों एवं ई—निविदा प्रस्तुत करने वे 16.00 बजे तक ई-टेन्डरिंग वेब साईट दिनोंक तक विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध में www.etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड की ई—टेन्डरिंग वेबसाईट www.etender.up.nic.in जा सकती है। भाग–1 खुलने की तिथि देखी जा सकती है। ब्लैक लिस्टेड फर्म ए 26.06.2019. समय 13.00 बजे के उपरान्त एवं ऐसी फर्मों जिनके विरुद्ध कोई सतर्कता भाग–2 (प्राइस पार्टस) खुलने की तिथि सी.बी.आई. जॉच चल रही है अथवा लम्बित

तदानसार ई–वेबसाईट पर सचित की है उनकी निविदायें स्वीकार नहीं की जायेगी जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र मल्य रु० 590/- अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता को बिना कोई कारण बताये मात्र (500.00+G.S.T.@18% अतिरिक्त), किसी भी ई-निविदा अथवा सभी ई-निविदाओं

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Jailed criminal's henchman held for Thakurganj murder PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Aperson, identified as Rizwan, was arrested on Friday afternoon for his alleged involvement in the murder of Chhotu Lodhi, who was gunned down on May 18 night on Campwell Road

under Thakurganj police station. Deceased's wife Renu had lodged a case at Thakurgani police station on the following day, stating that her husband was killed by two unidentified assailants. She had told the police that some money-related dispute was the motive for murder and that her husband

some influential persons with criminal background.

Investigating officer DN Rai said that a thorough probe was carried out and with the help of surveillance, the police traced the whereabouts of Rizwan, who is said to be a professional shooter and close associate of a hardcore criminal presently lodged in Hardoi jail on the charge of a businessman's murder last vear. Rizwan was tasked with shooting Chhotu Lodhi for not following the diktats of the hardcore criminal.

The police said that the deceased used to be the driver

was said to be his right hand man. While going to jail, he had handed over a bag containing huge cash to Chhotu Lodhi and asked him to keep it with him safely and give it back to him or his accom-

However, Chhotu Lodhi later feigned ignorance of any such deal and refused to accept it before the jailed criminal's accomplices.

plices, as and when required.

This denial annoyed the jailed criminal who decided to eliminate Lodhi. The police said that the criminal had given the contract to Rizwan when he was out for a court

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Rizwan, there were three more henchmen involved in the murder conspiracy.

Interestingly, the hard-core criminal had warned Lodhi over the phone of dire consequences a fortnight ago.

The police said that Lodhi overlooked the warning and remained adamant about not returning the money. The deceased had reportedly invested the money in expanding his business. The police said further investigation was underway and more details would emerge and more accused would be arrest-

Thief caught stealing ₹**20,000** from shop



Lucknow (PNS): A person was caught while trying to steal Rs 20,000 from the cash box of a hosiery shop in Telibagh under PGI police station late on Thursday evening. Qamruddin, the shop-owner, lodged a complaint on Friday morning. He stated that there was no one in the shop when he went out to bring a bottle of drinking water around 8 pm. "A person pretending to be the customer walked into the shop and quietly went towards the cash counter. He picked up a bag containing Rs 20,000 and was about to leave when I came back and raised an alarm. Fellow shop-owners converged on the spot while the suspect tried to escape. However, he was nabbed after a brief chase. He was identified as Amin, a resident of Hussianabad under

Thakurganj police station.

Amin said he was faced with financial crisis and desperately needed money. He added that he went to the shop to buy undergarments but he changed his mind when he saw the cash box lying unguarded. He picked up the cash bag without knowing shout the amount of cash it had The deceased was identified | He added that it was by chance | with the help of his driving | that the shop-owner caught him in the act and raised an alarm.

Dussehri remains most awaited mango variety



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW

here are many mango vari-1 eties which mature earlier but the common man in Lucknow wait only for 'Dussehri'. Director of Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture (CISH) Shailendra Rajan said there were several other varieties which people should also try.

In Lucknow, the mango season starts with the entry of Banganapalli, also known as Safeda' or 'Baneshan'.

'Some of mango lovers call it 'Chapta' because of its shape. In the city, the mango varieties which hit the markets early are 'Baneshan' or 'Totapuri', used mostly for making mango shake. The fruits which come from Andhra Pradesh are mostly harvested before maturity and forcibly ripened, therefore, they do not contain much sweetness while the actual quality of the variety is not known to people in north India. If allowed to attain proper maturity, the fruit is excellent in quality and mostly relished as a mango shake variety in Lucknow," the CISH director pointed out.

"Properly 'Baneshan' is ejected from the market by 'Dussehri'. As the mango season progresses, the quality of this variety improves. Few other varieties like 'Swarnrekha' are available in markets from Odisha and Andhra Pradesh and customers attracted towards the highly coloured and attractive varieties feel disappointed due to their substandard taste as compared to the north Indian mangoes," he added.

He pointed out that 'Alphonso' is another variety h enters Lucknow market early in the season but the common man can't afford it as it may cost Rs 4,000 a dozen.

"The early 'Alphonso' is very costly but gradually, its price goes down and when its price is affordable, Dussehri enters the markets and Lucknowites prefer this variety to others. Although 'Alphonso' is internationally recognised as India's premier variety, it cannot get the same honour in many parts of the country as in foreign markets," Rajan said.

He said the 'Alphonso' prices crash with the first showers because it is mostly consumed by Gujaratis.

"Premium price of 'Alphonso' has motivated many farmers and mango lovers to cultivate it in north Indian states, but the quality produced is incomparable with the Ratnagiri, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu varieties. 'Alphonso' cannot cover the larger area in north because of its late maturity in rainy season, thus the quality is not as good as expected," he pointed out.

The CISH director said that this variety was also a shy bearer and farmers could hardly get the economic returns due to limited crop.

"However, many enthusiastic farmers grow 'Alphonso' just for their hobby or to see how it behaves in the north, particularly UP," he added.

"We have many early varieties in north too, but they are rarely available in the markets. 'Bombay Green', 'Bride of Russia', 'Gaurjit' and 'Mithua Gazipuri' are some of the varieties which can compete with many in terms of taste and aroma. 'Gulab Khas' and 'Bombay Green' hit the markets earlier than 'Dussehri'. Besides, 'Bombay Green' is excellent for the purpose of milk shake because of its dark orange colour" Rajan said adding th it also had aromatic flavour which was liked by many who like 'Langda'.

Varsity admissions to be completed by June 29 tion for the economically weak-



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Ameeting of the Admission Committee was held at Lucknow University on Thursday. Chaired by Vice-Chancellor SP Singh, the meeting was also attended by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, admission coordinator, IPPR director, registrar, finance officer, deans of faculties, examination coor-

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW

youth, identified as Satya

A Prakash (20) who was a

resident of Solehpur village

under Maal police station, was

killed in a road mishap off Deogoi village on Lucknow-

Sitapur highway under Bakshi-

Ka-Talab police station in the

wee hours of Thursday. Three

others who sustained injuries

were admitted to KGMU

Police said the deceased

Trauma Centre

dinator, DSW, president and general secretary of LUAA, chief provost and proctor. The members were informed by admission coordinator Anil Mishra that all the admissions would be completed by June 29.

"The University of Lucknow will be the first one in the state to complete all the admissions by June. On the matter of 10 per cent reserva-

law courses, AICTE for the engineering stream and NCTE for BEd & MEd) before increasing the number of seats by 10 per cent. The schedule of online off campus as well as online on campus (for BA and BA (hons) counselling had been uploaded on the

University website, the author-

Youth killed in road mishap lost control of the vehicle and rammed into a tree before overturning. All of them remained unattended for nearly an hour before being spotted by passersby around 4.30 am. They were taken to a private nursing home where Satva Prakash succumbed to injuries while the others were referred to the KGMU Trauma Centre

license and Aadhaar card.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

was a mini-truck driver and

was coming to Lucknow from

Sitapur along with three

night. Reports said he was not

driving the vehicle but sitting

next to the driver.

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Convincing victories for Bahuguna, Kesari



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ALLAHABAD

Prayagraj has contributed its share to the victory of the NDA. Both the BJP candidates — Dr Rita Bahuguna Joshi from the Allahabad parliamentary seat and Kesari Devi Patel from Phulpur scored convincing victories over the Mahagathbandhan candidates, while the Congress was nowhere in the picture. The Congress could not prove itself even to be a 'vote katva' and finished with some thousands of votes while the winners and runners-up polled lakhs of votes. Dr Rita Bahuguna Joshi and Kesari Devi of the BJP were considered to be the winning candidates but the convincing merging of about two lakh votes was not predicted by the poll analysts. They kept on leading from the very first round and did not look back till the end. After the 25th round

when the lead started touching the mark of 1.5 lakh the candidates reached Mundera Mandi, the counting spot, to collect their certificates after the declaration of results of the final round and they were garlanded profusely by the party workers and supporters. Though there was a ban on victory processions the winners took a round of the city with folded hands extending their thanks to the voters.

Mundera Mandi where the counting of votes was scheduled to begin at 8 am on Thursday witnessed foolproof security arrangement and the people had to go through frisking to enter its premises. After the 32nd round of counting Kesari Devi Patel from the Phulpur seat got 5,39,920 votes while her nearest rival, Pandhari Yadav of the Samajwadi

(Mahagathbandhan) could secure 3,69,579 votes. The



Congress candidate, Pankaj Niranjan, could get only 32,452 votes. The counting of votes of the Allahabad constituency was in progress at a very slow pace. After the 22nd round Dr Rita Bahuguna Joshi from the Allahabad seat got 4,12,159 votes while her nearest rival, Rajendra Singh Patel of the Samajwadi Party (Mahagathbandhan) could get 2,60,772 votes. The Congress candidate, Yogesh Shukla, got 26,502 votes.

Meanwhile, all sections of the people said that the astounding victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was for the development of the country. The BJP activists were extremely jubilant and they said that their hard work had borne fruits. As the news started pouring in every section of the people was glued to their television sets watching the results. The businessmen, employees, students, women and children were all watching silently and cheering as the BIP took the lead.

Maya blames EVMs for poor show

Lucknow (PNS): Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati attributed the poor performance of the SP-BSP-RLD alliance and defeat of other opposition parties across the country to the malfunctioning or tampering of EVMs.

The BJP and its allies were set to win about 350 seats, more than what they won in the 2014 general elections.

"Now tampering of EVMs is clear after the poll results as neither the Election Commission nor the government was ready to go with polling with ballot papers," said Mayawati while reacting to the dismal poll results, in Lucknow on Thursday evening.

"A well calculated move

was made to ensure victory of

some of my party candidates so that no one cried foul in the landslide victory for BJP and raise question over EVMs. In fact, no one can digest such results in UP. People will not sit silent and will give a befitting replay to those who managed to win through EVMs," she charged. In her statement to a new agency, Mayawati said that the demand of opposition parties for replacing EVMs with ballot papers was turned down earlier. "Now the Election Commission did not accept the request for first counting VVPAT and then counting votes in EVMs. The Election Commission's approach raised questions over its role in conducting fair elections," she alleged. On her party's alliance with Samajwadi Party and Rashtriya Lok Dal, Mayawati said that both parties had fulfilled alliance dharma. Thanking the allies, the BSP chief said that they would sit and draw further strategy.



ASPIRING KINGMAKERS' BASTIONS BREACHED

Mamata Banerjee: The most vocal and combative, TMC chief and West Bengal Chief Minister nursed Prime Ministerial ambitions; launched a blistering campaign against Narendra Modi and was averse to backing Congress president Rahul Gandhi as the UPA's PM candidate. Given her complete supremacy in the state, even pundits were skeptical about the BIP's chances. However, the saffron brigade stunned everyone by storming her citadel. Having failed to stop the BJP from making strong inroads in a big way into her bastion, she will have to rethink her strategy to defend her turf in the 2021 Assembly polls.





N Chandrababu Naidu: Ahead of the results, Andhra Pradesh chief minister and TDP chief Naidu was the most active in trying to forge an Opposition alliance in case the NDA did not get past the post. Besides Mamata, he had been the most critical of Modi. He must be ruing his decision to quit the NDA. Despite his political acumen, he could not decipher the public mood with Jaganmohan Reddy's YSR Congress Party sweeping the polls in the state. TDP has been almost wiped out from the Lok Sabha too dealing a massive blow to his political clout. Naidu's problems could compound in the coming days if Jagan join hands with the NDA.

Akhilesh Yadav: Having taking over the mantle of SP from his father and veteran politician Mulayam Singh Yadav, Akhilesh's plans to play a major role at the centre - even burying the over-twodecades-old hatchet with BSP supreme Mayawati in the process have come to a naught with the party faring badly in its stronghold Uttar Pradesh. Though the young leader never openly aired his political ambitions, he was eyeing a kingmaker's role. He vigorously campaigned for the 'Mahagathbandhan' to put up a united front against the BJP. Facing a drubbing for the second consecutive time in the Lok Sabha polls, the SP will have to reinvent itself to remain relevant in fast changing political dynamics.





Mavawati: The BSP supremo and former chief minister of UP had made no bones about her Prime Ministerial ambitions and hence, did not even allow Congress to join the 'Mahagathbandhan' to ensure she had a larger share of seats to fight in UP. She also gave no-holds-barred speeches against Modi during the campaign but the frontal attack failed to spin magic in her favour. Her caste combinations failed to trump Modi's charisma. Along with the SP, the BSP also fared badly. The stunning reversal brushing aside caste and other related factors will make it all the more necessary for Mayawati to present a new image for her party to survive in the most politically-crucial State.

K Chandrashekar Rao: Having swept the Telangana state assembly polls last year, the TRS chief and chief minister was nursing ambitions to project himself at the national stage. He met several leaders including DMK chief M K stalin and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee. However, as Rao was busy with his efforts to forge a federal front, the BJP breached his fortress to make a debut from the State in the Lok Sabha. Even the Congress managed to make inroads in the State. Though Rao played the most important role in the creation of Telangana, the voters, however, preferred to vote for Modi at the national level.





HD Deve Gowda: The former Prime Minister and JD(S) chief has a lot on his plate now after his party which in coalition with the Congress is running Karnataka with his son H D Kumaraswamy as the chief minister could not withstand the Modi wave. Deve Gowda was considered to be one of the king makers in case of fractured mandate due to his seniority and stature. Trailing in the electoral battle till last trends came in, Deve Gowda like other aspirants Akhilesh, Mayawati and Pawar is now on a very weak wicket to play a role at the state and national level. Coming days will see the JD(S) chief definitely taking stock where his electoral strategy failed even as the BJP's win could impact the survival of his son's government too in the State.

Sharad Pawar: The Maratha strongman and NCP chief, rated to be one of the most astute and shrewd politicians of the country, was a PM candidate even as he sought to play the mentor's role in bringing together the opposition camp to face the BJP. But the Modi juggernaut, with the Shiv Sena, simply brushed aside any challenge posed by the NCP along with the Congress. Pawar's clout nationally has taken a severe beating. The NCP has already blamed the Congress for not performing upto expectations.



BJP's young guns sail through Dynasts get mixed results

NEW DELHI

Congress' young turks failed to deliver, while those from the BJP rode on the Modi wave to register win in the high-voltage Lok Sabha polls.

Sitting Congress MPs — Jyotiraditya Scindia, Sushmita Dev and former Union Minister Jitin Prasada, Milind Deora, who all are in the close circle of party chief Rahul Gandhi, lost badly. They had been the most vocal inside and outside the Parliament on every issue.

On the other hand, sitting BJP MPs Anurag Thakur, Poonam Mahajan, Dushyant Singh and first timer Tejaswi Surya registered win from their respective Parliamentary con-

stituencies. Amongst the losers, the biggest one is Jyotiraditya Scindia, who was seeking his fifth term from his family bastion Guna Lok Sabha seat. He lost to BJP's Krishna Pal Singh. Prior to Jyotiraditya, his father Madhavrao Scindia, the erstwhile titular ruler of Gwalior, had won the seat in the 1999 elections. Madhavrao died in 2001 and since then Jyotriditya seat. In 2014, he was among the only two leaders from MP who were able to hold on to his

Another surprise loss was Mahila Congress President Sushmita Dev, who lost to BJP's young gun Rajdeep Roy from the most high-profile Silchar Lok Sabha seat of Assam. Both Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi campaigned for her. Sushmita's father late Santosh Mohan Dev, won Silchar seat five times. Both Jitin Prasada and Milind Deora who's father Jitendra Prasada

and Murli Deora, , too lost. Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's son Vaibhav lost in Jodhpur to BJP's Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. Rajasthan's Barmer, Manvendra Singh, son of Jaswant Singh, founding member of BJP lost by over 3.2 lakh votes. Manvendra



was contesting on a Congress ticket. Ajit Pawar's son Parth, and Shankarrao Chavan's son Ashok Chavan too lost in Maharashtra to BJP candidates.

On other hand, Anurag Thakur retained Hamirpur Lok Sabha seat alongwith her another party colleague Punam Mahajan in North Mumbai. While Thakur is son of former CM of Himachal Pradesh Prem



Dhumal, Punam is daughter of late BJP's strategist Pramod Mahajan.

Another big win registered was by Tejasvi Surya, BJP's youngest candidate from Bangalore South, against Congress heavyweight BK Hariprasad.

Former Rajasthan chief minister Vasundhara Raje's son Dushyant Singh too



emerged victorious from the Jhalawar-Baran Lok Sabha seat who defeated his Congress rival Pramod Sharma. Sharma, a BJP rebel, had joined the Congress ahead of the Lok Sabha election and contested the polls for the first time. Raje had represented the seat for five terms from 1989 to 2004 after which her son was elected

9 former Cong CMs bite dust

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

What's common for Sheila Dikshit (Delhi), VV Dikshit (Delhi), Bhupinder Singh Hooda (Haryana), Harish Rawat (Uttarakhand), Digvijaya Ashok Chavan and Sushil Kumar Shinde (both from Maharashtra), Mukul M Sangama (Meghalaya), Nabam Tuki (Arunanchal Pradesh) Veerappa Moily (Karnataka)? They are all Congress stalwarts and former Chief Ministers. And they have all bit the dust in the Lok Sabha Election 2019.

Dikshit, who is Congress Delhi Chief and the only party veteran having donned the Chief Ministers' cap thrice from Delhi (from 1998 to 2013), lost to her rival and city BJP chief Manoj Tiwari from North East Delhi seat while Moily (former Karnataka Chief Minister) was defeated by BJP's B N Bache Gowda in Chikkaballapur, a Congress stronghold. Moily, a former Union Minister, was the joint candidate of the ruling

Congress-JD(S) coalition. He was first elected from Karkala in Udupi district as an MLA in 1992. He won from there six consecutive times.

Two-time Arunanchal Pradesh Chief Minister Nabam i lost to Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju of the BJP. He has been seeking a third term from the State's West Parliamentary constituency. For his part, former Maharashtra Chief Minister and Congress candidate Ashok Chavan lost to Pratap Chikhlikar of BJP in Nanded Lok Sabha seat.

In Uttarakhand, ex-Chief Minister and Congress leader Harish Rawat faced a humiliating loss to BJP's State chief Ajay Bhatt in the Nainital-Údhamsingh Nagar constituency. The BJP swept all the seats in the Hill State.

In Madhya Pradesh's Bhopal, Congress leader Digvijaya Singh suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of BJP newcomer and controversial leader Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur, who won the highprofile Bhopal seat. The Malegaon blast accused had

earned a public reprimand from none other than Prime Minister Narendera Modi himself for her controversial remarks against Mahtama Gandhi.

Yet another CM to have et in the hustings is Union Home Minister and Maharashtra CM Sushilkumar Shinde, who was defeated by Lingavat Swami from Solapur Lok Sabha seat.

In neighbouring Haryana, former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, a sitting MLA from Rohtak, was defeated in Sonipat which was retained by sitting BJP MP Ramesh Chander Kaushik.

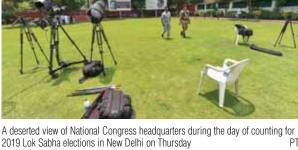
Another former Congress Chief Minister who found himself in the list of losers was Mukul M. Sangma. A former Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Sangma is the current Leader of Opposition in the State Legislative Assembly. The Congress candidate from Tura lost to National People's Party (NPP) candidate Agatha Sangma, a veteran politician and former Lok Sabha Speaker late PA Sangma's daughter.

A mid a poll pitch against parivarvad by the BJP, the political dynasts had a mixed fate during the Parliamentary polls. While some political families have managed to secure their bastions, others like Congress president Rahul Gandhi lost their prized seats.

While former UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi is projected to win in Rae Bareli, her son Rahul lost out to BJP's Smriti Irani in his so called pocketborough Amethi. Rahul has already conceded defeat against Irani and congratulat-

However, the Congress president is all set for a comfortable victory in Wayanad constituency of Kerala where he is leading by over 4 lakh

The other mother-son duo from the Gandhi family — Maneka and Varun — who are contesting on BJP tickets from Sultanpur and Pilibhit respectively are heading towards a victory in their respective con-



2019 Lok Sabha elections in New Delhi on Thursday

stituencies. Union Minister Maneka Gandhi who was engaged in a see-saw battle in Sultanpur eventually won defeating BSP's Chandra Bhadra Singh "Sonu".

In the Samajwadi Party, patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav led in Mainpuri while Akhilesh looked comfortable to win in Azamgarh.

However, Akhilesh Yadav's wife Dimple Yadav was trailing in Kannauj constituency and that could be bad news for the

As per the available trends,

the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) a constituent of the BSP-SP led 'mahagathbandhan' is projected for a mixed outcome. While RLD chief Ajit Singh is moving ahead in Muzaffarnagar, his son and party vice-president Jayant Chaudhary is trailing from Baghpat.

In Haryana, former State Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda is trailing in Sonipat. Bhupinder, a sitting MLA from Rohtak district who contested the Lok Sabha polls after a gap of 14 years, was behind sitting MP Ramesh Chander Kaushik.

The performance of Bhupinder Hooda, who had defeated former deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal from the Rohtak LS seat earlier, is a major setback for the Congress.

However, Bhupinder's son Deepender Hooda is engaged in a sea-saw battle in Rohtak, where fortunes are fluctuating between Deepender and his nearest BIP rival Arvind Sharma as the figures are changing with each round of counting.

Down South, former Prime Minister and JD(S) patriarch H D Deve Gowda was trailing in Tumkur against BJP's Ğ S Basavaraj. His grandson and Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy's son Nikhil was also trailing against independent candidate- Sumalatha Ambareesh, supported by the BJP, in the bitterly fought Mandya constituency.

However, Gowda's other grandson Prajwal Revanna, son of minister H D Revanna, is leading in Hassan against A

BJP crossed 50% vote share in 17 States: Shah

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

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m plan}^{
m JP}$ chief Amit Shah's gameplan of targeting over 50 per cent vote share has succeeded in over 15 States. Comparatively, the Congress managed to do that in just Puducherry, where it recorded about 57 per cent.

As per the Election Commission's preliminary estimates, the BJP has got more than half of the total votes polled. And BJP chief Amit Shah gave these statistics, saying the party crossed the 50 per cent vote share mark in 17 States.

It bagged 69 per cent votes in Himachal Pradesh, 62 per cent in Gujarat, 60 per cent in Uttarakhand, 59 per cent in Rajasthan, 58 per cent in Madhya Pradesh, 57 per cent in Haryana, 57 per cent in Delhi, 57.7 percent in Arunachal Pradesh, 51.5 per cent in Karnataka, 51 per cent in UP, 51.7 per cent in Goa, 51 per cent in Jharkhand and 50.5 per cent in Chandigarh among others.

It was Shah's strategy to have an eye over 50 per cent vote share to trump any caste politics, played by the Opposition alliances. Of the total 90 crore voters, the BJP was eying the 50 crore beneficiaries who benefitted from the 133 schemes of the Modi Government. The BJP had fought some Assembly elections last year based on the same strategy.

As a result, the BJP has significantly improved its national vote share from 31.34 per cent in 2014 to a new record high, while there seems to be only a marginal change in case of the Congress from its 19.5 per cent score of the last elections. The Congress was shown to have bagged 22.5 per cent votes till the reports last poured in.

The BJP had got 7.74 per cent vote share in 1984 when it got two Lok Sabha seats, after which it consistently saw an increase till 1998 (25.59 per cent) and then slipped for three consecutive national elections till 2009 (18.8 per cent), before surging again in 2014.

In contrast, the Congress could get a vote share of just about 6 per cent in UP and Bengal, and a little higher at about 7 per cent in Bihar. The score is even worse at just about 1 per cent in Andhra Pradesh and Sikkim. Even in Punjab, where the Congress led the way, its vote share is about 40.10 per cent. It is 37.3 per cent in Kerala, where it was on course to win 15 of the 20 seats. The Congress, which secured 45 per cent votes in the first parliamentary elections in 1952, saw its voting percentage remain in 40s till the 1971 elections. After a slump to 34.5 per cent in 1977, the

Congress again returned to 42.7

per cent in 1980 and then to a

record high of 48.1 per cent in

1984/85. After Indira Gandhi's assassination in 1984, the Congress record a vote share of 49.1 per cent, it got 32.14 per cent votes in delayed polls that were held in Punjab and Assam in 1985 resulting in an overall figure of 48.1 per cent.

The Congress vote share, however, began to dip after that with its voting percentage dropping to 39.5 per cent in 1989 and further to 20s between 1996 and 2009, and even below that mark in 2014.

Exit polls predict finale right Saffron motormouths pass voters' test

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

They predicted and they stood vindicated! Nine out of nine exit polls on May 19 had predicted an outright victory for the BJP and six of them had projected the party winning more than 300 seats. The pollsters had also projected the UPA's dismal performance in the wake of the rolling BJP juggernaut. And some had forecast that the Opposition alliance will not touch the three-digit mark.

It made the ruling dispensation (BJP and its allies) gungho but invited criticism from the Opposition Congress and others who called it were paid for, unreliable, inaccurate and

gossip.
While the BJP looks set to cross the 300-mark on its own and the NDA hogging 350 seats, the UPA tally was pegged at 85 seats, as per the trends

and results last available. It was also, perhaps, the first time that the pollsters were unanimous in their projections. polls handing them all 25 seats



All the exit polls gave the BJP a clear mandate and showed the UPA at a distant second.

The India Today-Axis and News 24-Chanakya exit polls have been bang on target.

Most pollsters also correctly forecast the BJP's performance in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh — where the Opposition Congress recently won the Assembly polls.

Take the case of Rajasthan. Almost all exit polls predicted a clean sweep for the BJP in the Western State, with some exit

in the State. The News18-IPSOS exit poll said the BJP is set to get 22 to 23 seats in the desert State, while Today's Chanakya exit poll predicted all 25 seats to fall in BJP's kitty. The latter hit the bull's eye.

Ditto is the case of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BIP chief Amit Shah's home state Gujarat, where BJP, as per the India Today-My Axis India Exit Poll. is set to make a complete sweep in the Gujarat Lok Sabha elections possibly winning all 26 seats.

Axis My India was among those who had successfully predicted not only the winning party but also the range of their

The Congress-led alliance was projected as gaining in Punjab, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. And it did. Some pollsters gave Congress a tally as low as 38, less than the 44 it won in 2014. The Congress fared a shade better than 44 but turned true the projections that it would not cross the three-figure mark this time round too.

In the politically crucial Uttar Pradesh with 80 Lok Sabha seats, the pollsters has come up with a mixed bag of results indicating the complexities involved at the ground level. If India Today-Axis gave the BJP-led NDA a maximum of 68 seats and News 24-Today's Chanakya said its tally could even cross the 70-seats mark, then ABP-Nielsen gave NDA as less as 22 Lok Sabha seats and the SP-BSP-RLD alliance a high of 56 seats. As things stand, the Axis and Chanakya estimates were the

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Motormouths and contro-versial leaders from the BJP like Anantkumar Hegde (Uttar Kannada), Nalin Kateel (Dakshin Kannada), Sadhvi Pragya Thakur (Bhopal), Sakshi Maharaj (Unnao), and Giriraj Singh (Begusarai) are set to register big wins.

Sadhvi Pragya Thakur was leading against Congress' Digvijay Singh by over 3.5 lakh votes and was projected to win the constituency by a significant margin. Pragya had hit the headlines in the run up to the polls by claiming that IPS officer Hemant Karkare was killed in the 26/11 attacks due to his karma and that he was a traitor. She had to later apologise for the remarks. She had also stoked a controversy by terming Nathuram Godse, who had killed Mahatma Gandhi, as a nationalist. She had to again tender an apology after the remarks generated a nationwide out-



Another BJP leader Anantkumar Hegde, known for making controversial remarks, won the Uttara (North) Kannada seat in Karnataka, defeating his nearest rival Anand Asnotikar of the Janata Dal (Secular) by a massive margin of 4.79 lakh votes, according to the results declared by the EC on Thursday.

Hegde held the portfolio of junior minister in the Skill Development Entrepreneurship Ministry during Narendra Modi's first term as PM. Hegde had also made headlines for wrong reasons when he had said the Constitution would be changed. He had to later tender an apol-

And amid reports of his controversial remarks on Twitter

ogy in the Parliament.

about Nathuram Godse, Hegde claimed his account was "hacked". But later asserted there was no question of justifying Mahatma Gandhi's killing.

Before that, Hegde had called Congress chief Rahul Gandhi a "hybrid breed", wondering how can the son of a 'Muslim' father and a Christian

mother be a Brahmin. ...They have no sense about religion. See how much they lie, father is a Muslim, mother a Christian, son is Brahmin. How did it come?" You cannot get such hybrid breed in any laboratory in the world, it is available in our country's Congress laboratory only," he had said, attacking Rahul, at an event in

Uttara Kannada district. Nalin Kumar Kateel (Dakshina Kannada), who had backed Pragya Thakur on the Godse issue, also won by 2.74 lakh votes, as per the results announced on Thursday.

For his part, the vocal Sakshi Maharaj won from Unnao with a record margin of four lakh votes. He had recently stoked controversy by stating this would be the last election in the country and there would be none in 2024.

Ahead of the nomination for the Unnao constituency, he had warned the BJP that "results would not be good" if he was not re-nominated from Unnao. The BJP had been contemplating dropping him. In his election affidavit,

Maharaj has listed 34 criminal

cases promoting enmity among communities, criminal intimidation, robbery, dacoity, murder, forgery, cheating and criminal breach of trust besides Union Minister and another firebrand leader Giriraj Singh

retained the Begusarai seat trouncing his nearest rival Kanhaiya Kumar of the CPI by a huge margin of over four lakh Singh, who had moved to

Begusarai from Nawada, after initial reluctance, polled 6.88 lakh votes out of a total of 12.17 lakhs polled on the elections held April 29.





Most Union Ministers ride Modi wave

Smriti Irani emerges giant killer

Except Union Minister Manoj Sinha, Hardeep Singh Puri and KJ Alphons, a record number of Union Ministers won their seat due to Modi-Amit Shah wave in the 2019 Lok Sabh polls. Union Textile Minister Smriti Irani emerged as a giant-killer against Congress president Rahul Gandhi who conceded defeat from Amethi in one of the most keenly watched contests in the country.

The official announcement on most of the seats was awaited as matching of electronic voting machine (EVM) counts with voter verifiable audit trail(VVPAT) slips was in

Prime Minister Narendra Modi retained Varanasi by over 4.79 lakh votes. He increased his victory margin as compared

to 2014 by over one lakh votes trouncing Samajwadi Party's Shalini Yadav.

Giriraj Singh, who was up against Kanhaiya Kumar, former JNU president and CPI(ML) candidate, in Begusarai, was leading by 4.22 lakh votes. Radha Mohan Singh fielded from Purvi Champaran was ahead of his rival Aakash SIngh by a margin of nearly two lakh votes. In Arrah, RK Singh led against his nearest rival of CPI(ML) by a margin of over one lakh votes.

Ravi Shankar Prasad was leading against Congress' Shatrughan Sinha on Patna Sahib seat by nearly 2.83 lakh

Firebrand leader and Union minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey too sailed through against RJD's Jagadanand Singh, leading by around 1.5 lakh votes. Cabinet Minister KJ

Alphons was facing a humiliating defeat in Kerala. He trailed at the third place behind Congress' Hibi Aeden and CPI(M) candidate P Rajeev on Ernakulam seat.

His colleague and Union by over 50,000 votes.

The big winners included Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari. The official announcement on most of the seats was awaited as matching of electronic voting machine (EVM) counts with voter verifiable audit trail(VVPAT) slips was in progress

Housing and Urban Affairs minister Hardeep Puri lost in Amritsar by a margin of over 99,00 votes Another big loss of the BJP was Union minister of state for Railways Manoj Sinha who was down by around 1.15 lakh votes against BSP's Afzal Ansari on Ghazipur seat.

The big winners included Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari. Singh led against Samajwadi Party candidate and Shatrughna Sinha's wife Poonam Sinha in Lucknow by over 3.45 lakh votes.

Gadkari won from Nagpur by a margin of around 1.97 lakh votes. He was up against Congress's Nana Patole. On Chandrapur(Maharashtra) seat Union minister of state for Home Affairs Hansraj Gangaram Ahir had a tough contest on the platter and he was trailing behind Balubhau

In UP's Baghpat, Satyapal Singh was also engaged in a keen fight with RLD candidate Jayant Chaudhary. Singh was trailing behind with 1068 votes.

Sanjiv Balyan was engaged in an intense contest in Muzaffarpur seat in UP. He was leading over his rival and RLD chief Ajit Singh by thin margin of 3,782 votes.

Maneka Gandhi, who switched to Sultanpur(UP) seat, was leading by a slender margin of 13,859 votes against BSP's Chandra Bhadra Singh.

BJP's biggest winners included VK Singh who led over his rival from SP Suresh Bansal by a margin over five lakh votes in Ghaziabad con-

Rajyavardhan Rathor was leading against Olympian Krishna Poonia of Congress by 3.89 lakh votes on Jaipur(Rural) seat. Arjun Ram Meghwal was

sailing on Bikaner seat by 2.5 lakh votes. Anant Kumar Hegde (Uttara Kannada) was leading by nearly five lakh votes against JD(S) candidate Anand Asnotikar.

Union minister Mahesh Sharma was leading on Gautam Buddh Nagar(Noida) seat by over two lakh votes, against BSP's Satyapal. In Bareilly, Santosh Gangwar sailed through with around 1.5 lakh votes.

Other ministers of Modi government including Jual Oram(Sundargarh), Sadanand Gowda(North Bengaluru), Shripad Yesso Naik(North Goa) Ram Kripal Yadav, Jitendra Singh(Udhampur), Rao Inderjeet Singh(Gurgaon), Narendra

Tomar(Morena), Babul Supriyo(Asansol), Tamta(Almora) among others, were on the victory march.

Defeat of negative politics: Yogi

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Elated by BJP's resounding victory in the Lok Sabha elections, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the results reflected defeat of negativity emanating from dynastic politics and victory of development and nationalistic politics.

"The results are clear indication that people no longer want negative politics of caste and dynasty. They want basic facilities and they voted for development in this election," Yogi told a select group of reporters at his official residence here on Thursday.

He said the BJP leaders

talked about development and nationalism in their poll cam-paigns and the people liked it. "Prime Minister Narendra

Modi had given the slogan of 'Abki baar 300 paar' and the people voted en bloc to fulfil the dream of Modi and the BJP," the

Chief Minister said. "We won because of the leadership shown by Prime Minister Modi and the political strategy adopted by party's

national president Amit Shah.

Millions of BJP workers worked



tirelessly to ensure that the plan made by Modi and Shah was implemented to the T at the ground level. This is the success of the team BJP," the Chief Minister said. Yogi was one of the star campaigners of the party. He was the most sought after and addressed a series of rallies across the country. His prestige was at stake in Gorakhpur from where he was elected MP five times but had lost the seat in the by-election in 2018. He ensured that his protégé Ravi Kishan sails through comfortably. When at the ground level," he added.

asked about the mahagathbandhan, the Chief Minister said that no one could take the voters for a ride any more. The alert voters have rejected the mahagathbandhan' (grand alliance) of opposition parties. It is high time for the opposition to introspect and shun politics of negativity," he said. Yogi said that this result had dispelled the myth that votes could be transferred on one command. "The political leaders should now realise that people will vote for only that party which will work

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INDIA INCREDIBLY...

The overall result shows that Modi's personal charisma has once again shattered traditional caste barriers and caught the imagination of the young generation, impressing upon them that their future lies with a powerful India that is both a strong economic and military power -something that could survive. inly be achieved b zleaving the baggage of narrow caste politics behind.

The BJP capitalised on the horribly mismatch of ID(S)-Congress alliance in Karnataka, rode on Modi wave in Gujarat and regained lost ground in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan to leave the Congress licking its wound in the four crucial States where Rahul Gandhi and his managers had pinned great hope to take their tally into three digits.

Similarly, the BJP and its ally Janata Dal(U) trounced Bihar Opposition alliance into smithereens clearly showing that the powerful wave of Hindutva had also converged with massive mobilisation of anti-Yadav OBC votes in their

If the consolidation of the anti-Yadav OBC vote in favour of the BJP was the story of the cowbelt, then the success of the BJP in wooing the Dalits to its fold was near pan-India story. The preliminary analysis of the voting pattern even in UP suggests that non-Jatav Dalit went majorly with the BJP.

The poll outcome also shows that despite their grievances with the BJP over demonetisation and ill-implementation of the GST both the middle class and trader community continued to side with the BJP, which expanded its support base by effectively implementing the slogans of "catch them young".

Initial data showed that majority of the first time voters across caste divide preferred Modi over the rest. Modi's war cry against Pakistan and "ghar me ghus kar marenge" type slogans endeared him into younger generation that saw him a real hero that would settle score with a villain (Pakistan) that has been hurting them for years.

The result leaves the Congress literally into doghouse and raises serious question mark over the leadership of Rahul Gandhi. The fact that the Congress has not even got enough number of seats to claim the position of Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha is

something that Rahul cannot brush aside. The party may go into a huddle or introspect on what went wrong, but its faces serious existential dilemma now. Knowing the way Amit Shah functions, it is anybody's guess how long the Congress Government in Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka will

over going alone in Uttar Pradesh where the party only helped the BJP by cutting into the SP-BSP votes. There is belated realisation in the party that instead of focusing on UP where the Congress had nothing to gain, Rahul and Priyanka should have tried to focus their energy on Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka where the Congress could have done far better.

The poll outcome also

shows that the country is changing and changing very fast. A change that wants to see India emerge as a 'muscular' power that also caters to the needs of its poor. If the BJP exploited the Balakot strike by displaying the muscular strength of the Modi Government, it also went to town counting the pro-poor schemes like Ujjwala, housing for poor, Jandhan Yojna, Ayushman and Mudra schemes, etc. The fact that Rahul's "chowkidar chor hai" attack on the PM failed miserably shows that the Modi has been able to convince the nation that he led a regime which is far different from the corruption-ridden regime of the past. Before Modi's glittering package of a 'muscular', pro-poor, pro-development and honest pro-Hindutva regime, the Opposition looked like hawking the same stale goodies of social justice and secularism. In changing India, voters clearly preferred the for-

IT IS VICTORY...

He said Congress "ko karari haar mili hai" and pointed out that Congress has collected a big zero in 17 States including Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Mizoram, Lakshadweep and Chandigarh. "The 50 per cent mandate today buried Congress and Opposition's caste, dynasty, appeasement

politics", he said. Shah said Opposition's defeat and a big win for the BJP underlines the victory of the

ideology of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas" vis-à-vis "Tukde-tukde gang". BJP headquarters Deendayal Upadhyaya Marg wore a festive look with constant beating of drums and sounds of fire crackers.

No sooner as the picture emerged about the astounding performance of the BJP, party workers started gathering at the headquarters aton w saffron flag fluttered in the air.

BJP STORMS...

The Congress polled 5 per cent votes shedding 5 per cent to BJP and TMC.

Among the notable winners were BJP State president Dilip Ghosh who defeated senior TMC leader Manas Bhunia, Union Minister Babul Supriyo who won the Asansol seat trouncing cine star Moon Moon Sen by more than 1.75 lakh votes. Śupriyo had won this seat in 2014 by about 70,000 votes. Sen a sitting TMC MP had been shifted by Mamata Banerjee from Bankura to take on the Bollywood singer-turned BJP

MP from Asansol. A three-time North Malda MP Mausam Benazir Noor who switched sides from the Congress to the TMC ahead of the elections was trounced by BJP Khagen candidate Khagen Murmu a former CPI(M) MLA. Another big loser from the TMC was State Minister Subroto Mukherjee who lost to BJP's Subhas Sarkar from Bankura. Senior TMC leader and former Railway Minister Dinesh Trivedi also lost from Barrackpore seat to Arjun Singh, a former TMC MLA and strongman who joined the BJP a month before the polls.

From Hooghly seat BJP candidate Locket Chatterjee defeated two-time TMC MP Ratna Dey Nag while from neighbouring Serampore seat TMC's Kalyan Banerjee defeated his nearest BJP rival.

Senior TMC leader and Mamata Banerjee's nephew Abhishek Banerjee won the Diamond Harbour seat by a massive margin of more than 3 lakh votes. Both the seats from Kolkata however went to the TMC as veteran party MP Sudip Banerjee defeated BIP heavyweight and national secretary Rahul Sinha.

Ámong the known faces from the CPI(M) losing the battle were outgoing Raiganj MP Md Salim and former Kolkata Mayor Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya who lost to TMC's Mimi Chakrabarty, a

Bengali cine star from Jadavpur seat. The BJP left quite an impression in the Assembly byelections too winning four out of eight seats that went to polls. The TMC won three seats while the Congress managed to win only one seat. The CPI(M) drew a blank here too.

Even as a pall of gloom descended near the TMC supremo's Kalighat residence with no leader coming out to address the press, Mamata Banerjee came out with a brief tweet "congratulating" the "winners" and asserting that her party would assess the reason of the debacle saying this was a setback and not a defeat.

Offering the "excellent per-

formance to the people, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and our workers" Dilip Ghosh said "this victory is the result of Modiji's good works," adding the victory also "shows the amount of disgust and desperation against TMC's goonda raj that they had perpetrated in Bengal for the past several years. They would not only allow the people to vote but also they would throw hundreds of our workers in jail on false charges." This was backed by Babul Supriyo who said, "Despite our workers being beaten up and voters being threatened the people of Asansol came out in great numbers to vote for us. We thank them from deep of my heart." TMC's Saugato Roy who won from Dum Dum seat, however, blamed the Left Front for transferring their votes to the BJP. "Do you think that there is any BJP in Bengal. The people of this State can never accept that culture. Bengal is different. Still the BJP did well because the Left Front transferred their votes to them. The way the Left transferred its votes to the BJP only speaks volumes of the erosion in value-based politics."

When asked to comment on his victory Adhir Chowdhury said, "Mamata Banerjee brought BJP to Bengal, allowed it flourish by creating a cloaked communal atmosphere which was used to the full by the BJP. This vote was not a proper vote but a result of complete polarisation. The results are also the outcome of TMC's repressive

politics and goonda raj."

The CPI(M) also was as calm as the TMC with its senior party leaders privately wondering whether "there is a need to bring in new young leaders and relieve old ones."

JD(U), LJP RIDE...

Majority of Yadav and Muslim areas also voted for BJP-JD (U) alliance in the State. Lalu's absentee from active politics impacted the prospects of the RJD. Lalu is currently in jail. BJP-JD (U) alliance got 53.35 per cent vote share while the Grand Alliance led by RJD and Congress manto get only 2' 1 per cent vote share. The BJP managed got 23.63 per cent votes while its alliance JD (U) got 21.36 per cent and LJP 8.28 per cent votes in the State. The RJD got 15.7 per cent vote share while its alliance Congress got 7.9 per cent vote share. Interestingly, RLSP led by Upendra Kushwaha got only 3.56 per cent vote share. Kushwaha has threatened of 'bloodshed' in the State if he could not win the

All prominent leaders of the grand alliance - Shatrughan Sinha from Patna Sahib, Sharad Yadav from Madhepura, Upendra Kushwaha from Karakat, Mira Kumar from Sasaram, Tariq Anwar from Katihar and Kanhaiya Kumar from Begusarai lost their seats.

In Patna Sahib seat, BJP leader and Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad got over 62 per cent vote against former actor turned politician, Shatrughan Sinha (Congress), who managed only over 31 per cent votes. The seat was previously held by Sinha, who moved from the BJP to the

Congress in April. In Begusarai, BJP leader Giriraj Singh won the seat by a margin of over 4.16 lakh votes against CPI(ML) candidate Kanhaiya Kumar got only 2.67 lakh votes. Singh secured 56.48 per cent vote while Kumar 22.2 per cents vote. RJD candidate got only 16.20 per cent votes. Lalu Prasad's daughter Misha Bharti is trailing her seat against BJP Ram Kripal Yadav in Patliputra. Misha got 43.07 per cent vote while Yadav obtained 48.14 per cent vote. Sharad Yadav also trailing in Madhepura.

The ruling BJP-Janata Dal(United) alliance was in direct fight against RJD-Congress led Grand Alliance. Interestingly, the BJP had compromised and given more space to its allies, fielding candidates in just 17. JD (U) has contested on 17 seats each and the LJP on six seats. The Lok Sabha in Bihar was also electoral test for Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's decision to join NDA and declare Bihar a dry State. Lalu factor was also missing in the

The exit polls has predicted that the BIP-JD(U)-LJP alliance may win minimum 38 out of the 40 seats, while the RJD-Congress led 'Mahagathbandhan' may only bag maximum 2 seats. Interestingly, there are five Lok Sabha seats in Bihar, where NOTA got over 30,000 votes. NOTA got highest votes in Gopal Ganj with over 50,000 votes, followed by West Champaran of 45,000 votes.

There are 15 seats where

NOTA got over 20,000 votes in

BJP's candidate from Saran

the State.

Rajeev Pratap Rudi also leading against RJD candidate Chandrika Rai. Rudy got 52.94 per cent vote while Rai obtained only 38.4 per cent vote. Tej Pratap Yadav had opposed Rai candidature from the party while Tejaswi backed him. This has led to tussle in the RJD which was culminated during campaign as Tej Pratap had campaigned against Rai. Sharad Yadav from Madhepura is also trailing a margin of over 2.51 lakh votes from JD (U) candidate Dinesh Chandra Yadav. Congress candidate Meira Kumar also trailing in Sasaram from JD (U) candidate Chhedi Paswan by a margin of over 1.63 lakh votes.

Union Minsiter Radha Mohan Singh also leading against RLSP candidate Akash Kumar Singh by a margin of over 2.66 lakh vote in Purvi Champaran. In Katihar, Congress candidate Tariq Anwar is trailing by a margin of over 5,50,00 votes to JD (U) candidate Dulal Chand Goswami. RLSP chief Upendra Kushwaha also trailing in Karakat where Mahabali Singh of JD (U) won the seat by a margin of 8,5000 votes.

In Arrah, former bureaucrat and Union Minister RK Singh defeated CPI(ML) candidate Raju Yadav by a margin of over 1.38 lakh votes. RJD leader Raghuvansh Prasad Singh lost Vaishali seat by a margin of over 2.28 lakh vote to LJP leader Veena Devi.

During the 2014 Lok Sabha General Elections, the BJP and its allies Lok Jan Shakti Partv (LIP) had won 31 Lok Sabha seats, RJD-Congress-NCP grabbed seven and Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (U) was restricted to two seats.

The caste factor has been a major factor in the selection of candidates by both the NDA and the Grand Alliance. While

NDA has focused on the political combination of upper castes (BJP), JDU (non-Yadav OBCs, particularly MBC votes) and LJP (Paswan votes) while RJD has hoped to expand its social base (political equation of MY) in the absence of Lalu, with the help of its smaller allies like former chief minister Jitan Ram Manjhi-headed HAM (Maha Dalits) former union minister Upendra Prasadheaded RLSP (Kushwaha) and VIP (Nishad). The Lok Sabha poll was also an opportunity for Lalu's son Teiashwi to establish himself as mass leader but he

SOUTHERN COMFORT...

The list also includes Sushil Kumar Shinde from Solapur, former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat from Nainital, former Meghalaya CM Mukul Sangma from Tura, former Haryana CM Bhupinder Hooda from Sonepat and Verrappa Moily

from Chikkballur in Karnataka. The Congress poor show has once again exposed the structural weaknesses in the party organisation on the ground. The real cause of concern for the Congress is the reverses in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh where it had defeated the BJP in the Assembly elections just six months ago.

Even Karnataka, where the Congress is in alliance with the JD(S), has been a big disappointment. Congress failed to convince the voters about its promise of Nyay (Nyuntam Aay Yojana) through which the party promised a minimum income guarantee scheme of Rs 72,000 a year to the country's 20 per cent or five crore poorest of the poor families.

BJP WINS DELHI...

BJP's incumbent MP from West Delhi Parvesh Verma got over 8,48,555 votes against his nearest rival Mahabal Mishra of Congress. Verma had won this seat with margin of 2.68 lakh votes in 2014 Lok Sabha polls. Confident of retaining the seat, Verma has maintained an unassailable lead.

Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari, who contested from the Northeast Delhi constituency against Congress veteran and former Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit and AAP's Dilip Pandey, was also leading with

securing 7,85262 votes. Tiwari said they (BJP) were sure of victory but did not expect such a "huge" margin.

"We were confident of the victory but were not expecting this kind of huge margin. I am indebted to the voters for imposing their faith in us.

"The kind of treatment that AAP has meted out to me always, the public has always observed it and voted accordingly. We have crossed the first hurdle in Delhi and will now February (Assembly elections)." Cricketer-turned-politician Gautam Gambhir, who is making his electoral debut from East Delhi constituency, was also leading. He got over 6,95,109 votes. Gambhir is locked in a contest with Congress' Arvinder Singh Lovely and AAP's Atishi.

JAGAN SHATTERS...

The results delivered a deadly blow to TDP chief and Andhra CM N Chandrababu Naidu, who was vigorously involved in cobbling up anti-BJP Front at national level for the past few months. Jagan's victory is likely to change political dynamics in Telugu States. The relations between both the States which turned sour after the bifurcation due to political rivalry between TDP and TRS, are expected to become cordial due to proximity between Jagan and KCR.

Interesting discussions at the incumbent CM Jagan's residence at Tadepalli revealed that Jagan's top priority is Special Status to Andhra, which he will take up with the Union Government immediately after swearing-in ceremony, according to party sources. Party national general secretary V Vijaysai Reddy, ideologues Ajay Kallam and Ummareddy Venkateswarlu are assigned with the task of developing a cohesive atmosphere between State and Union Governments, as Jagan wants the smooth handling of special status issue. State finances are in a bad

shape, which has been worrying the YSRCP leaders. As the ruling party YSRCP has to address the fiscal issues on priority basis, as there is dearth of funds even to meet the salaries of the State Government employees. Jagan's second most priority is to ensure cordial relations with Telugu State Telangana, and hence it is likely that he would set up an Inter-State Coordination committee, to address the water disputes and assets distribution issues, between the two



BJP-SENA REPEATS 2014 SHOW

▼n a virtual repeat of its spec-I tacular performance in the 2014 polls, the BJP-Shiv Sena alliance on Thursday swept the Lok Sabha polls in Maharashtra, by either winning or establishing unassailable leads in 41 out of the total 48 seats in the State, decimating once again the Opposition Congress and limiting the tally of NCP to five.

On a day when senior Congress leaders Sushilkumar Shinde and Ashok Chavan bit electoral dust, the saffron alliance both humiliated the Congress further by reducing its embarrassing 2014 tally of two seats to one seat.

In a surprise outcome, All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) legislator and former TV journalist Imtiaz Jaleel was poised to bag Aurangabad by defeating fourtime MP Chandrakant Khaire of the Shiv Sena.

The ruling saffron alliance's superlative performance has come as a big boost to the BJP-Shiv Sena combine ahead of the State Assembly polls to be held in October this year. With its performance stunning achieved after bucking the severe anti-incumbency faced by the Devendra Fadnavis gov-

Sena alliance has dimmed the hopes of the Congress-NCP alliance returning to power in

The BJP-Sena alliance performed well in all the regions in the state. While the saffron alliance won all the six seats (BJP-3 and Sena-3) in Mumbai, walked away with nine seats in western Maharashtra, six seats in north Mahnarashtra, six seats in Konkan region, eight seats in Marathwada and eight seats from Vidarbha region.
Though it increased the

2014 tally by one seat, the NCP had nothing to gloat about its electoral performance. For, NCP chief Sharad Pawar's daughter and two-time MP Supriya Sule managed to retain the home seat of Baramati, while his grand nephew and former deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar's son Parth Pawar suffered an embarrassing defeat at the hands of Shiv Sena's sitting MP Shrirang Appa Chandu Barne by a margin of 2,15,913 votes.

Incidentally, both the BJP and Shiv Sena retained their 2014's winning tally of 23 and 18 seats respectively. The only difference this time around was that the BJP contested 25 seats in the 2019 polls in against 26 seats it had contested in



2014 election, while the Shiv Sena contested 23 seats as against 22 seats it had contest-

in the previous polls. Both the BJP and the Shiv Sena have been contesting the Lok Sabha polls as an alliance since 1989. In both the 2014 and 2019 polls, the BJP romped home with its best-ever winning tally of 23 seats as against 18 it had won in 1996, while the Sena improved its previous tally of 15 seats, by winning as many as 18 seats

However, with its winning tally having been reduced to mere one seat, the Congress' stock has hit its nadir in Maharashtra which was longconsidered its bastion.

The only seat that the Congress won was Chandrapur, where its candidate Balubhau alias Suresh Narayan Dhanorkar trounced

Hansraj Ahir by a margin of

The Congress' embarrassing electoral debacle can be gauged from the defeats of its two former chief ministers Ashok Chavan in Nanded and Sushilkumar Shinde fell by way side. While Chavan was trounced by Prataprao Patil Chikhalikar of the BJP, Shinde suffered a defeat hands of Jai Sideshwar Shivchary Mahaswamiji.

The annexing of Chavans' home turf of Nanded is of extreme political significance considering that barring four terms, Nanded was under the control of the Congress since 1952. While late S B Chavan represented the constituency twice (1980 and 1984), Ashok Chavan himself was elected to Lok Sabha once in a bye-election in 1987, following the resignation of his father. Late S B Chavan's son-in-law and Ashokrao's brother-in-law Bhaskarao Khatgaonkar has represented the constituency thrice (1998, 1999 and 2009).

Chavan, who was incidentally is one of the two Congress candidates (out of its 26 candidates) had been elected to Lok Sabha in 2014 polls from Maharashtra in the face of a fierce Modi wave.

polls were the victories of BJP's Jnion Minister Nitin Gadkari (Nagpur), state president Raosaheb Danve-Patil (Jalna), late senior party leader Gopinath Munde's daughter and sitting MP Pritam Munde (Beed), late party leader Pramod Mahajan's daughter Poonam Mahajan (Mumbai

north-central). Bollywood actress Urmila Matondkar, who contested the polls as a Congress candidate from Mumbai north constituency, suffered a massive defeat at the hands of BJP's sit-

ting MP Gopal Shetty.

In the initial stages of counting in the morning, Matondkar had created a stir by lodging a complaint with the Election Commission of India alleging 'changed' EVM, here on Thursday.

"On the form of EVM 17C from Magathane, the signatures and the machine numbers are different. A complaint has been filed with the EC," Matondkar had tweeted.

However, later in the evening, Matondkar conceded the defeat through a tweet: "Congratulations to Prime Minister @narendramodiji and his team on a stupendous victory... one that can only be applauded with a mighty vigour".

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Modi 3rd PM to 23 turncoats to retain power! retain full majority

PNS NEW DELHI

Spearheading the NDA to a thumping victory, Narendra Modi is the third Prime Minister after Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi to retain power for a second term with full majority in the Lok Sabha.

As counting is on across the country on Thursday, trends indicate the Modi-led BJP will garner more than 302 seats on its own thereby easily going past the halfway mark of 272 seats in the 17th Lok Sabha elections. In 2014, the BJP had won 282 seats out of the total 543 in Lok Sabha.

Jawaharlal Nehru won around three-fourth of the Lok Sabha seats in the first elections in the country during 1951-52. Subsequently, he was able to win 1957 elections as well as 1962 elections with full majority. place for the first time in independent India in 1951, the polling had to be spread over a period of five months from October 1951 to February 1952.

While the Congress dominance was insurmountable in 1951, various other political strands such as Bhartiya Jana Sangh, Kisaan Mazdoor Praja Party, Scheduled Caste Federation and Socialist Party had started to take shape by then. The Congress was able to win 364 out of 489 seats during 1951-52 elections. The party polled around 45 per cent of the total votes then.

In 1957, when Nehru was up for re-election, India was going through a difficult phase as the Prime Minister was battling the right wing inside and outside his party after passage of the Hindu

Marriage Act in 1955. The country was facing many language disputes. Consequently, after establishment of States Reorganisation Committee in 1953, many states were formed on the basis of language. The country was also feeling the heat due to food insecurity. However, among all

this, Nehru was able to win a spectacular victory of 371 seats in 1957 elections. The Congress's vote share even increased from 45 per cent in 1951-52 to 47.78 per cent in 1957. In 1962 elections, Nehru won again bagging 361 seats out

Independence, the Congress's hegemony in the country's politics finally started breaking down in 1967 when it lost six state assembly elections. Out of this six, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal was lost by the Congress for the very first time.

tions, Nehru's daughter Indira Gandhi was able to get 283 seats out of total 520 seats. This was Indira's first electoral victory in general elections. In 1969, Indira expelled the old guard of the party, which were section of Congress was led by Morarji Desai.

that Indira coined the slogan "Garibi hatao", which found a wide emotive appeal among the Indian voters. As a result, she was able to increase her tally to 352 in 1971 elections for her second term.

In between 2010 and 2014, with UPA Government facing multiple allegations of massive corruption scandals, the BJP decided to appoint the then Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi as their Prime Minister candidate for 2014 general elections.

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their seats as per the trends so far. According to the Election Commission's data, 13 turncoats are leading their con-stituencies while the rest of them are set to lose. Actor-politician Shatrughan

Sinha, who joined Congress ahead of the Lok Sabha election, lost to rival Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad from Patna Sahib constituency in Bihar. In nearby Madhepura, for-

mer ID(U) leader Sharad Yadav, who joined RJD before polls, was lagging by over 1.30 lakh votes from Dinesh Chandra Yadav of JD(U). Tariq Anwar, who switched

Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) to Congress, is also trailing by over 40,000 votes from Katihar.

Cricketer-turned-politician Kirti Azad is trailing from Dhanbad by nearly 1.6 lakh votes. He had joined Congress

Son of former Union Minister Jaswant Singh, Manvendra, who is contesting on a Congress ticket from Barmer is also trailing by about 3.12 lakh votes.

Meanwhile, Bhojpuri actor Ravi Kishan Shukla, who had contested on Congress ticket in the last general elections but joined the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, is leading by over 2.80 lakh from Gorakhpur constituency.

In Karnataka, three political leaders changed affiliations from Congress to BJP, with two of them leading in vote counts. While Umesh Yadav and Y

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in Bihar

Sujay Vikhe Patil, son of senior Congress leader Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, had switched to BJP from Congress He is ahead by over 2.30 lakh votes in Ahmednagar constituency of Maharashtra.

Suresh Dhanorkar, who joined Congress leaving Shiv Sena, is ahead of sitting BJP MP Hansraj Gangaram Ahir in the Chandrapur seat from the state.

In Nanded, Pratap Chikhlikar, a turncoat from Shiv Sena to BJP, is leading against state Congress chief Ashok Chavan by about 37,000 votes. Baijayant Panda who was

expelled from the BJD and is contesting from Kendrapara on BJP ticket is lagging behind by 40,000 votes.

Former Union Minister Panabaka Lakshmi who changed sides from Congress

to TDP is trailing by 1.5 lakh votes in Tirupati constituency of Lok Sabha seats.

Among other major turncoats, ÄAP candidate Dharamvira Gandhi from Patiala, Congress candidates Naseemuddin Siddiqui from Bijnore, Savitri Bai Phule from Bahraich and Babu Katara from Dahod, are also trailing.

In West Bengal's Alipurduar seat in north Bengal, Dasarth Tirkey the sit-ting TMC MP from Alipurduar, who was once a sitting RSP MLA, is staring at his defeat. Manas Bhunia, Apurba Sarkar, Kanialal Agarwal, all former Congress MLAs, who contested from Midnapore, Baharampur and Raiganj trailing. Paresh Adhikary and Mafuja Khatun, former MLAs of Forward Bloc and CPI(M) who contested on TMC and BJP tickets respectively, are trailing in Coochbehar and Jangipur Lok



I don't blame **EVMs**, but accept defeat gracefully, says Pawar

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

ccepting the Lok Sabha A ccepting the Lok Saulia poll outcome gracefully, NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Thursday chose not to blame the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for the party's poor performance in Maharashtra.

Talking to mediapersons after the poll outcome that saw his party win five seats in the State, Pawar said, "Yes. There were doubts about EVMs. There were some suspicions in the minds of people about EVMs. But, I don't want to blame the machines now, since the results are out. Once the verdict is out, we have to accept it gracefully... I am accepting it gracefully,"

"We will definitely examine the reasons for our defeat in the polls. We will increase our contact with people in the run-up to state Assembly polls due October. Verdict is out now... State is reeling under severe drought, we will have to reach assistance to drought-affected people. Whatever drought relief programme we have undertaken will continue," Pawar said.

Pawar's daughter and two time MP Supriya Sule retained the Baramati seat, while his grand nephew Parth Pawar suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of Shiv Sena's irang Appa Chandu Barne by a margin of 2,15,913 votes.

Alluding to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to a cave near Uttarakhand's Kedarnath temple for meditation during the last phase of the Lok Sabha polls, Pawar said: "In the last phase of polling, we saw a 'chamatkar' (miracle) of (prime minister Narendra Modi) sitting in a cave. This was something we had never seen before in this country. We did not expect such things. We will have to see how much it benefited (the BJP). We don't want to jump to the conclusion," he said.

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Social media erupts with memes!

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Cocial media was flooded Owith opinions, debates, jokes, memes especially aimed to the Opposition and the Congress. One of the most noticed developments was Prime Minister Narendra Modi removing Chowkidar from his twitter handle. He had prefixed it to counter Congress president Rahul Gandhi's attack against him saying 'Chowkidar Chor Hai '.

Ever since the vote count commenced, netizens began their day with a video clip showing television journalist Arnab Goswami mistakenly referring to Sunny Deol as Sunny Leone.

The clip was shared in such a huge number that it convinced actor Sunny Leone to post, "Leading by How many otes????" on Twitter with mul-

Sadmavati'

Soon, the memes on Congress President Rahul Gandhi and other politicians began making the rounds. BJP candidate Smriti Irani's

win over Rahul Gandhi in

Amethi further stirred the meme broth. One trending meme showed Rahul Gandhi's face photoshopped on Deepika Padukone's body in the

Padmavat poster that read

A meme collage showed multiple images of Smriti Irani, saying: "Smriti Irani looking for some competition from Rahul Gandhi".

Citing a famous scene from the film "3 Idiots" a creative meme showed Prime Minister Narendra Modi telling Rahul Gandhi, "Neeche se check kar, neeche se!" A rendition of another scene from the same film, showed a picture of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran

Khan and Army Chief Qamar

Famous comebacks 🧓 mriti Irani posted the meme on her Instagram account

Javed Bajwa along with the dia logue: "Hum dukhi the, par humse bhi zyada 2 log aur dukhi the."

An old picture of the Gandhi family — showing Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi sitting near a lotus-bud clad pond — resurfaced again with the caption: "Kamal khilne ke intezar mein".

Gandhi addressing a media campaign captioned, "Aree haarna jeetna chhoro, manoranjan mei toh koi kami nahi hui na?' One viral meme on Smriti

One picture showed Rahul

Irani's victory in Amethi read: "If "Ghar mein ghus ke marna" has a face!!' Don't miss this hilarious

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Completion Period	05 years.					
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— PAPER WITH PASSION — **NAYA BHARAT**

As traditional planks, issues and even grassroots politicians get blown away, Modi 2.0 has managed to change the idea of what India wants

his is undoubtedly a Pied Piper election, where Narendra Modi has emerged not just as an emboldened Prime Minister but a thought leader who has the nation's belief system wrapped up in a new cloak of nationalism and in a corporatised world, as a superbrand that has the trust, factory-manufactured or otherwise. Rather, he has overturned existing mindsets and their expression, freed up many boxes that so far held the characteristics of India and laid down a narrative sold on the promise of India reclaiming its place in the sun. Simply because civilisationally it was so once but the will to wake up to that truth was lost in our sub-consciousness and the burden of history. He seems to have stoked a sense of purposiveness, now that new-age aspirations have also reached saturation point, and has created a post-truth matrix. It is, therefore, the emergence of *Indusisation* rather than globalisation and a new idea of India. The reality of this may be unpalatable to existing liberal thought simply because it serves an alternative constituency, which has crept up from the fringes and whitewashed the mainstream. This new cultural awareness is based on the extreme polarity of all kinds of otherness. For some, it is religion, the most virulent kind, as evidenced by the landslide acceptability of a Sadhvi Pragya Thakur. For some it is majoritarianism, which sees minorityism as an encroachment that denies more rights due to itself and, therefore, feels it is losing relevance by its own complacency. For some it is about rewriting history and crossing out the invaders, the most contemporary manifestation being Pakistan-sponsored terror. For some, it is about anti-elitism, an assault of middle India into spatial templates set and appropriated by the Western-educated intelligentsia. For others, it is about inclusivity of opportunity, goals and crucially empowerment — be it village roads and electrification, the Awas Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, toilets and LPGs for women, space age dreams for the young and a tough-as-nails leadership that won't succumb to any global Trump-card. And the most important, it is the willingness to self-correct despite the skids, the disbursal of ₹6,000 to farmers' accounts, blunting the face of farm distress and sending a message that it would be attended to, no matter what the nyay crusades of others might promise. Of course, beyond the man is the BJP's organisation which has not let up on its groundwork, treating both old and new territories as the same, and not allowing to slip itself into a comfort zone. In fact, the only question that surfaces is if Modi had under-read his own ability and, therefore, pushed his muscular nationalism a bit too far during the campaign, indulging in a dark, divisive propaganda. But that, too, was probably scripted cinematically to gloss over any talk of issues or his inadequate performance and set up a threat so real that even plurality was seen as an enemy of national identity. Or was it a ruse to simplify India's complexity into an easily readable unitary structure? That alone can explain why Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, for all his gentlemanly sincerity, lost his home seat of Amethi. For Modi didn't want to be an aspirational choice of 2014, he wanted to be an absolutist destiny's child in 2019. Almost hypnotically and spiritually ordained.

This nationwide chemistry has beaten arithmetic, even when it was crafted and testpiloted in the electoral laboratory called Uttar Pradesh. That's why the SP-BSP-RLD alliance has not been able to convince each other's voter bases that it would pay to invest in joint winnable candidates than bleed out. However, apart from Yadavs and Jatavs, it seems the larger arc of most backward castes and Dalits, some of whom have broken basic livelihood barriers, have migrated to a national party and are staking larger dreams on continuity than standing out with a limiting casteist tag. And Modi has made the right noises by announcing quotas for the poor than caste groups and emphasising on raising rural incomes by 2022. The second big takeaway is that of eastern India, which so far had stood out as a bloc like south India, beginning to give way to a pan-India narrative albeit with adaptations. So while Biju Janata Dal's Naveen Patnaik has been voted for the State level, the voter has told him he is good only for Odisha and doesn't qualify for a national role except being a symbiotic partner. The Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Baneriee had probably understood it a bit earlier and though she helmed the mahagathbandhan initially, took a step back when she realised her State was in trouble. Quick to sense that a nationalist surge could ultimately decimate even

her regional relevance, she has just about held on. Of course, she has lost the battle of perception and has to rework strategies from this moment on. Assam and the Northeast, have, meanwhile shown that for all the anxieties about the Citizenship Amendment Bill, they do not want to be left out of mainstream development. Not that regional leaders have not stood tall. This election's biggest story has been scripted by YSR Congress' Jaganmohan Reddy, who has overturned the charisma of Telugu Desam chief Chandrababu Naidu, silently and fervently. Much credit should also be given to DMK chief Stalin who has lived up to his father's legacy and occupied the vacuum in Tamil Nadu created by the deaths of his father and J Jayalalitha, both demi-gods of their time. Maratha strongman Sharad Pawar, however, failed, losing his turf and sugar belt to the saffron deluge. Does that have something to do with chasing prime ministerial ambitions like KC Rao of Telangana, who, too, has paid for overgrowing national ambitions? That brings us to the Congress itself, thor-

oughly emaciated and beaten, where even a vounger leadership, despite being instagram pleasures, could not shake off the burden of dynastic entitlement. Even organisationally, the Gandhi scions, Rahul and Priyanka, haven't concentrated on strengthening structures and have relied on empty rhetoric. While Rahul gifted the BJP a slogan by calling the Prime Minister "chowkidaar chor hai", and rivals spun it on its head justifying why *chowkidaari* was needed, he failed to retain the gains he made. Who would have believed Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, where the Congress earned a hard-won fight in the Assembly elections last winter, would cave in completely? Was it arrogance, complacence or its most telling weakness — old school coterie durbar at the exclusion of well-meaning local leaders? Capt Amarinder Singh scripted the Punjab win despite a Balakot, simply because he acts on his own. Besides, the party played saboteur of the grand alliance, becoming a vote cutter, and could not convert a single issue-based rant into an alternative movement.

Nor could it claim authorship of schemes that were implemented successfully by Modi. If the Congress wants to get back its axis, it has to nuke itself and rebuild or else be vapourised. As for Modi, he has had the advantage of being granted time beyond the incubation period of a regime change (yes five years may be theoretically too little). He has clearly the numbers and a seeming hold of the national imagination. He has already spoken of embarking on economic reforms. Question is does he want a legacy based on admiration or fear? For there is a huge sense of fear among the others akin to being second class citizens.

Or will he discard the tools of political trade and really set an imaginative and progressive agenda? Will it be about order or disorder? Will it be Modi's India hereon? Or Kedarnath's? Only time will tell.

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Farmers back in the fold

BJP's resounding victory in UP signals a triumph of developmental politics over the casteist variant. The pre-election payment to sugarcane growers worked too



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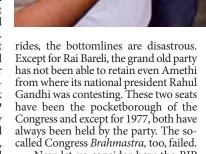
his Lok Sabha election has broken many myths not only at the national level but in Uttar Pradesh (UP), too. This is for the first time that a Government at the Centre has not only warded off the anti-incumbency factor but has, in fact, improved its position in many decades. It's an oft-repeated saying that the road to Delhi's seat of power passes through UP and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) proved that its pan-India weight could fill any trough, even the one in UP.

Most political pundits had predicted not more than 30 seats for the BJP in this State, particularly after the gathbandhan of the Samajwadi Party (SP), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and Rashtriya Lok Dal came into existence. These parties were heavily enthused by the bypoll results of Kairana, Gorakhpur and Phoolpur, where castes like Jats, Yadavs, Dalits and Muslims played a vital role to defeat the BJP. Parties thought that this time, too, the same formula would work and the BJP would be decimated.

UP comprises more than 25 per cent Dalits, nearly 18 per cent of Muslims and 15 per cent of Yadavas and Jats. Their alliance would have been lethal to finish the BJP but this formula did not work in 2019. Belying all expectation, the BJP romped home with 60 seats. Many journalists and analysts, who analysed the outcome of the Lok Sabha election, keeping in mind the caste angle, ignored something that clearly worked in this election — the politics of emotion, one which helped Prime Minister Narendra Modi project himself as the do-gooder who was being obstructed by greedy power players. And for all the polarisation, he seems to have cut across the masses in terms of appeal and acceptability as a worthy choice in a national bet.

So while in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, there was a discernible Modi wave sweeping across the country, in 2019, there was a complete denial of this wave by most parties and political commentators as well. The SP and BSP are, without doubt, casteist parties. While SP depends heavily on the Yadavas and Muslims, BSP claims the monopoly over the Dalits votes plus some Muslim votes. It is an unconcealed fact that by and large, Muslims have been against the BJP and in this election were expected to vote against the BJP. Muslims are considered to be politically very wise and vigilant and they vote in favour of the candidate who can defeat the BJP, irrespective of the party he/she belongs to. This was the reason why the gathbandhan was overconfident of pulverising the BJP this Lok Sabha election. It was considering itself to be invincible but all the planning proved to be day-dreaming. The reality is that in this complicated deal, vote transference didn't happen among partners across the State though it had worked at the bypoll level.

The Congress has almost no presence in UP. It has been non-existent for all practical purposes for nearly three decades. Yet for all the concentrated focus by Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi to wean the upper castes away with her temple run and boat



Now let us consider how the BJP as able to shatter the dreams of the gathbandhan. Results show that while the SP-BSP combine could not make any significant change in the political contours of Uttar Pradesh, the BSP has been quite lucky. In fact, it has ridden piggyback on the larger appeal of a front. In the last Lok Sabha elections of 2014, the BSP had drawn a blank. On the other hand, SP could secure five seats last time, mainly held by family members, including one by Mulayam Singh Yadav. This time, it has held just nine seats. However, the BSP under Mayawati has improved its tally from zero to 12. This shows that despite getting full support of Muslims and Yadavas, the SP has not been able to get the Dalit votes transferred in its favour. ılleged that Mayawati send her message to the Dalits in favour of the SP candidates because in her heart of hearts, she does not like the Yadavas. This was enough for Dalits to not transfer their votes in favour of the SP, which is dominated by the Yadavas and who are considered to be the musclemen. In the last Assembly election, Mayawati had coined the slogan "Chadh Gundan ki Chhati Par, Mohar Lagao Haathi Par." She used to say that Yadavas are the cruel oppressors of the Dalits and this slogan silently resonated in this election, too.

While the *gathbandhan* parties were mainly dependent on the votes of Jat, Yadavas and Muslims, the BJP, under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, was telling the people about their achievements. There is no denying the fact that the pace of development in Uttar Pradesh has been very



IT IS ALSO ALLEGED THAT MAYAWATI DID NOT SEND HER MESSAGE TO THE DALITS IN FAVOUR OF THE SP CANDIDATES BECAUSE IN HER HEART OF HEARTS, SHE DOES NOT LIKE THE YADAVAS



fast. Almost all villages in the State are now connected with motorable roads. every household has electricity, every family avails gas connection under the house even in the remote countryside, which does not have a toilet facility. So much so that those, who did not have a house to live, are living in pucca houses today. There is hardly any member of any family who does not have a bank account under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana. Almost everyone has been ensured under the Ayushman harat Yojana.

These schemes have been implemented without any discrimination on the basis of caste, creed and religion. There was a constant crisis of urea but now it is available in plenty. Soil health cards have been distributed to all farmers, which have helped them. Hence,

casteist factors could not cut any ice.

Another important factor that led to the BJP's win is that it was, perhaps, for the first time that the farmers got timely and proper payment for their produce, particularly sugarcane growers. This is something that was unthinkable at a time when the SP or BSP ruled the State. Further, the Yogi Government also banned illegal slaughterhouses, thus winning the support of the Hindus. To top it all, not even one communal riot has taken place in the State during the period of Modi and Yogi. There was no peace, no security during the SP/BSP era. Anti-social elements used to have a field day and the police was made pliant to the MLAs and MPs belonging to the castes of the Chief Ministers of their

Distribution of electricity has considerably improved in small villages. Thus, the slogan of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, has gone down well with the people of the State. Another factor which has worked in favour of the BJP is a direct transfer of the subsidy amount in the accounts of the beneficiaries. This successfully eliminated the army of middleman and contractors, who never allowed the farmers and poor to be benefited by the numerous welfare schemes. Going forward, Balakot and surgical strikes worked heavily in favour of the BJP too, particularly in rural areas. The

On the other hand, the Opposition, mainly the leaders of the gathbandhan, failed to raise any issue before the electorate as they were heavily dependent on caste factors. Mayawati got so desperate that she showed the audacity of presenting Mulayam Singh Yadav as the genuine backward and Modi as the fake backward. People realised that only the family members of Mulayam Singh Yadav and Mayawati have reaped the fruits of power in amassing a huge amount of money. Corruption had become a byword during the tenures of Mayawati and Mulayam, which has been completely unheard of during the Modi and Yogi regime. This has been the reason why caste politics of gathbandhan has been buried deep and the politics of development has been preferred in Uttar Pradesh.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Failing the test

Sir — It is shocking that Gomathi Marimuthu, the athlete from Tamil Nadu, has failed the dope test twice and it is even worse that the Anti-Doping Agency did not report the fact that she tested positive a month ago. This amounts to cheating. Sportspersons must realise that they let down fans and the country when they test positive for performance-enhancing drugs.

NR Ramachandran

Respect Dutee's decision

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Love has no boundaries" (May 22). Indian sprinter Dutee Chand has shown tremendous amount of courage to make the admission of being in a same-sex relationship. It is unfortunate that the revelation has led to a storm, most importantly on the part of her family members. Dutee's elder sister Saraswati Chand, herself an athlete, did not approve of this relationship and said that Chand's partner had "pressurised and blackmailed" her for her wealth and property. Its strange that in today's times even after the Supreme Court's historic decision to decriminalise Section 377, which pro-

The onus is now on Modi

he massive win registered by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the 17th Lok Sabha elections was unexpected. Before the polls, the general impression was that the country may be heading towards a hung Parliament. That the BJP has defied all predictions to win handsomely can be attributed to the gigantic factor: Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister's direct connect with the people of India has clicked big time. His tireless work, reasonable success story in the last five years, especially in rural India, his unmatched international repute, broad vision,

rity and visible and tough measures against terror perpetrators have all worked in the BJP's favour. The Odisha election results have proved beyond doubt that people know their preferences well. Otherwise, results to the States of Rajasthan Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka cannot be explained. The Modi-Amit Shah duo has had a keen eye on some regions considered anathema for the BJP, Northeast and West Bengal and worked hard to make deep inroads in these areas. Their efforts have paid off. Of course, the anti-Modi campaign by the Opposition

love for the country and its secu-



backfired. People did not seem to take some jibes like 'chowkidar chor hai' against Modi light-

Opposition's unabashed, one-point and unwavering 'Modi-hatao' mission has been shown the door. The country's people obvious-

ly want a strong, dominant and decisive leader at the Centre. who can hold his own against internal and external challenges and threats. The Opposition parties' tendency to take the voters for granted with regard to caste and religious equation has flopped badly as is evidenced in Uttar Pradesh where the mahagathbandhan was acting as if it had routed the BJP even before the elections. People may also have wanted to give Modi another five years to take a relook at his unfulfilled promis-

Ganapathi Bhat

hibited same-sex relationships, many still live with an old orthodox mindset.

Dutee Chand's decision is purely Sir — Now that we are staring at a cripersonal and we should judge her as an athlete and how she performs on the track. This personal matter must not come in the way of her intense preparations for the Olympics.

Bal Govind

Water woes

sis, we are beginning to think of solutions to the water scarcity that is plaguing our cities when we should be implementing an action plan. Now we have to act in mission mode, recharging wells, setting up new ones and per-Noida haps make rainwater harvesting a

mandatory practice. The judicious use of water must be encouraged and field awareness is crucial. The Government should consult and take the support of non-governmental organisations and domain experts.

Smita Pandey Via email

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analysis

FIRSTCOLUMN

Becoming agents of change

With more and more women taking up unconventional modules, they are making farming more productive and commercially viable



SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

arshada Zanje always yearned for a house of her own. But with her husband being the lone bread-winner in a household of nine members, she knew it would be difficult to move out of the two-room mud house in which they all lived. The small paddy field in their Vadan Zanje village in Pune district of Maharashtra was their only source of income and production was not enough to yield profits. But she didn't give up on her dreams. One day, she saw a photo of a house in a nearby shop and liked it so much that she bought it. She kept the photo near her bedside, hoping against hope that one day she would have a similar house. When a chance meeting with voluntary organisations working in the area led her to plant marigolds, little did Zanje know that she was sowing the seeds of her dream. Early this year, two years after she began growing marigolds, Zanje moved into a pucca five-room house of her dreams.

In an area where farm incomes are dependent on the vagaries of climate, Zanje has shown that problems like water scarcity and undulating terrain can be overcome with hard work and some handholding and guidance. So good has been her yield that Zanje is now able to employ labour at the time the flowers need to be picked. It is no wonder that many other farmers, both women and men, have followed her example and begun growing marigolds. "They have all begun to dream like me. If I could do it, they, too, can increase their incomes and fulfil their hopes and wishes," says Harshada.

But much of this would not have been possible had she not met members of CybageAsha, the Pune-based charitable trust and philanthropic arm of Cybage. The organisation, which was working to improve infrastructure in a few villages in Velhe cluster where Zanje lives, realised that in addition to the existing work, more needed to be done to address rural distress and that economic development and income security of the farming community could be accelerated through improved sources of livelihoods. "We also realised that one shoe would not fit all. It was important to tailor these livelihoods according to their needs while ensuring that empowerment of women remained an integral part of our intervention by giving equal economic opportunities," says Ritu Nathani, head, CybageAsha.

So in 2017, CybageAsha, in collaboration with BAIF Institute for Sustainable Livelihoods and Development, conducted a study of the geographical conditions in 11 villages in Bhor and Velhe cluster in Pune district. An assessment of the climatic and soil conditions revealed that rainfall was unevenly distributed because of the angle of slope of the hilly topography in Velhe. This in turn affected the moisture content of the soil and rate of erosion. Since Velhe's high degree of topographical slope had led to high soil erosion, growing marigolds was found to be an ideal option to counter this as it can be grown in a wide range of soils. It was also found that although marigolds were being grown here, it was not yielding enough benefits. Therefore, they decided to introduce the Kolkata variety of marigold instead of the Kapri variety traditionally grown here. Being far superior to the Kapri variety, the new variety would not only promote climate-resilient farming and help in natural resource management but boost incomes as well, revealed Pankaj Katte of BAIF.

When these benefits and the need to switch to a more productive variety were discussed in village meetings with farmers as a way to improve incomes during lean times, Zanje was among the first to volunteer to a trial plot in her field. She understood that in comparison to the Kolkata variety, the Kapri marigolds not only less market value. Zanje's decision to take the risk of planting the new variety, despite initial opposition from her family, paid off when the first harvest of this trial plot showed that the size of the flower was five times bigger and its productivity was four times more. This led Zanje to plant marigolds in her entire field and her first harvest yielded 150 kg and a profit of ₹15,000.

Interestingly, 60-year-old Hirabai, the mother-in-law of Zanje's sister-in-law, who worked alongside Zanje during harvesting, has also been inspired by her success. Having learnt from Zanje that she could adopt a new technique to overcome water scarcity and the uneven topography in her village, Hirabai has taken to wadi or tree farming. This form of farming helps convert unproductive waste lands into productive mango and jamun-growing plots. Although CybageAsha and BAIF don't work in her village, Hirabai has planted mango trees in her barren patch after hearing about wadi farming from Zanje. Clearly, women like Zanje are the cornerstone of the intervention. Not only has she fulfilled her dream but is helping others to do so. "Our aim is to help farmers, especially women, transform their lives. As partners in sustainable development, together we are bringing change," says Nathani.

(The writer is a senior journalist)

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

I AM STARTING A WEEKLY SERIES WHERE I WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM AROUND FOUR MILLION NEPALESE FOLLOWING THESE SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES. —US AMBASSADOR TO NEPAL





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Living dangerously

In 2007, Pakistan spiralled downwards amid violence, political polarisation and economic recession. However, some normalcy was restored. Is it heading that way again?



NADEEM PARACHA

n September 30, 1965, the Communist Party of Indonesia — Parti Komunis Indonesia (PKI) — attempted a *coup d'e*tat through a clandestine organisation embedded within the Indonesian armed forces. The PKI was close to the Indonesian nationalist hero and first ruler President Sukarno. PKI's embedded organisation, the 13th of September Movement, believed that a large portion of the country's armed forces was anti-Communist and under the influence of the US, which was planning to topple Sukarno.

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Sukarno was not a communist himself. In her book, *Maoism: A Global History*, Julia Lovell writes that he had kept the large PKI on his side to neutralise the influence of the military. Nevertheless, in the early 1960s, as tensions between the military and PKI mounted and the economy began to unravel, Sukarno made an alarming speech in August 1964. Alluding to the developing crisis, Sukarno stated that the country was "living dangerously."

The 1965 coup attempt was brutally thwart-

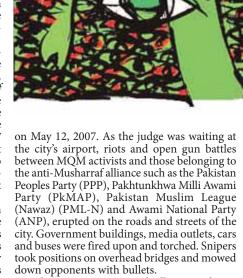
The 1965 coup attempt was brutally thwarted by anti-communist military factions. The coup was crushed by Major-General Suharto. Adrian Wickers, in his 2013 book, A History of Modern Indonesia, writes that the military gave far-right Islamic and Catholic groups ample space and impunity to carry out some of the worst massacres of the 20th century. A 1977 Amnesty International report suggests that "about one million" Indonesians — believed to be PKI members or sympathisers — were mercilessly slaughtered and these included pregnant women and children.

The Australian novelist Christopher Koch dramatised the carnage in a 1978 novel. The title of the novel, *The Year of Living Dangerously*, was inspired by Sukarno's speech. Since the novel was turned into a film in 1982, the expression "year of living dangerously" is often used by writers and journalists to describe a tumultuous year in the life of a country and/or a particularly vio-lent period in which a country spirals into anar-chy and unprecedented bloodshed.

If one sets aside 1971's bloody civil war in Fact Pakistan then the Pakistan lived dangerously (in the context of the mentioned expression) has to be 2007. It is remarkable that the country actually came out of it at all.

The year got off to a terrible start when, in January, an Al Qaeda suicide bomber killed 12 policemen in Peshawar. Then in February, military chief and president Pervez Musharraf suspended the Chief Justice of Pakistan, Iftikhar Chaudhry, accusing him of corruption.

The lawyers' community rejected the suspension and began a movement. It was soon joined by both big and small Opposition parties, whose rallies were often attacked by riot police. As the movement transformed into a populist anti-Musharraf drive and spread from Punjab to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, its leaders decided to take it to Sindh's capital city, Karachi. Karachi's then largest party, the Muttahida



The city came to a standstill as armed men roamed the streets amid dead bodies, abandoned cars and burning motorbikes and buses. According to a May 13, 2007 report by CNN, 33 people were killed and dozens were wounded. The MQM and the Musharraf regime accused the Opposition parties for the violence, whereas the former and most local and foreign news outlets put the blame on the latter and Musharraf.

Then in June, unprecedented monsoon rains in Karachi killed over 200 people. The very next month on July 3, militant clerics and their 'students' fired at security forces posted outside Islamabad's Red Mosque. The mosque and its seminary had been taken over by radical clerics and their supporters, who for months had been harassing the people of the locality on the pretext of "vanquishing anti-Islamic activities." As tensions between the clerics and the state rose, security forces moved in after it was confirmed that the clerics and their "students" were heavily armed. The major siege took place on July 10 and 11 when Pakistan military commandos entered the building and



the mosque), 10 soldiers and one ranger. As the political and economic situation continued to deteriorate, while terrorist attacks by Al Qaedaaffiliated outfits increased in number, the exiled chairperson of the PPP Benazir Bhutto, returned to Pakistan in October. A large rally in Karachi that was escorting her from the Jinnah International Airport was attacked by suicide DECLARED A STATE OF bombers and 124 people were killed in the carnage. Al Qaeda-affiliated groups were suspected of carrying out the attack.

On November 3, Musharraf declared a state EMERGENCY. THE SAME MONTH. SECTARIAN VIOLENCE of emergency. The same month, sectarian violence in Kurram Agency killed 80 people and IN KURRAM AGENCY Islamic militants began to take over buildings in Swat. On November 22, Pakistan was sus-KILLED 80 PEOPLE AND pended from the Commonwealth for refusing ISLAMIC MILITANTS lift the emergency On Novemb **BEGAN TO TAKE OVER** N chief Nawaz Sharif returned from exile.

On December, 13 Islamist militant groups formed the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), which would go on to kill thousands of Pakistanis in the following years. On December 27, suicide bombers assassinated Benazir Bhutto. Dozens perished with her and dozens more were killed in the riots which spread across Pakistan for three days. Enraged mobs ran amok, setting fire to buildings and automobiles, especially in Punjab and Sindh.

Things almost completely fell apart in 2007. However, the country managed to limp back to some "normalcy" but the economy continued to plummet and terrorist attacks became endemic. Things in this respect began to somewhat improve from 2015 onwards. But an economic downturn, the recent spike in terror attacks and intense political polarisation, are once again threatening the country. Are we once again moving towards a year of living dangerously?

(Courtesy: The Dawn)

EXILE Qaumi Movement (MQM), was a staunch ally eliminated the militants. On July 13, newspapers reported that 102 people had been killed. These included 91 civilof the Musharraf regime. The MQM wasn't happy when the suspended judge and his supporters arrived in Karachi ians (most of whom were militants holed up in Guard against an apocalypse

Human influences on climate change have heralded a new epoch — anthropocene — that is a clear threat to the Himalayas. There's a strong need to establish synergies between climate change mitigation, adaptation and sustainable development goals



SANDEEP KUMAR DUBEY

≺he human influence on the planet and its environment, leading to global warming, are no more hidden. However, there can also be several natural factors that cause climate change and variations in global temperatures. In fact, increased volcanic eruptions and periods of few sunspots may lead to a drop-off in the temperature as it happened over the Northern Hemisphere for about a thousand years, known as Little Ice Age, which lasted roughly till the mid-18th Century. Climate variations are, therefore, generally induced by a mix of natural and human factors. Precisely because of this, climate scientists find it difficult to define the phrase "2°C above pre-industrial levels" as referred a numerical baseline for the average global temperature.

The challenge is to separate and quantify human influences on climate change from that of nature. This will help convince and stimulate decisionmakers throughout the world for taking up the much-needed climate change mitigation actions as stated in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement, 2015, 'to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels...to significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change."

The geological era dominated by human influences on climate is considered as anthropocene. A recent special report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) titled, 'Global Warming of 1.5°C' attempts to trace the temporal extent of anthropocene. The report says that anthropocene has geological merit to be regarded as a formal epoch in the geological time scale and that it begins from the mid-20th century and continues. Scientists, artists and documentary makers are all trying to capture and

to in the sub-clause 1 (a) of Article 2 map the trajectory of Anthropocene of the Paris Agreement, 2015, and fix and associated global greenhouse gas emission pathways.

In the face of huge human influence on the earth system, pursuing the efforts to limit the temperature increase above 1.5°C is an ambitious task. Unchecked, the temperature rise above 1.5°C may have significant, long-lasting and irreversible impacts on human and natural systems. Among the many impacts and the cascading risks that changing climate and increase in global temperature will lead to, one is on the Himalayas (to be specific, Hindu Kush-Himalaya region) and the natural resources thereof.

The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) described the Hindu Kush-Himalaya (HKH) region the "Third Pole" as it "stores more snow and ice than anywhere else in the world outside the polar regions." The HKHecosystem is already showing signs of human influences. Changes in cryosphere are an important indicator of climate change. In February 2019, the ICI-MOD came out with a landmark study titled, 'The Hindu Kush Himalaya Assessment', delineating the impacts of climate change and increasing global temperature on HKH and its resources. According to the report, glaciers have been shrinking since the mid-18th century, the exception being from 1920 to 1940. The ICIMOD warned of dire consequences if the global climate response fails to contain the rising temperature and said that "current emissions would lead to five degrees in warming and a loss of two-thirds of the region's glaciers by 2100."

Though commonly described as 'Water Tower of Asia, water crisis is looming large over countries in the HKH region. The unfolding water crisis is likely to get worse in the coming years, aided by human drivers such as climate change. The per capita water availability has drastically gone down, thus compromising on the develop-mental needs, especially of the pover-

ty-stricken population.
Rapid rate of urbanisation (often unplanned), ever-growing population and fast-paced industrialisation in the HKH region stress upon the already depleting natural resources, including water. In the face of competitive sectoral

demands for water, administering equitable distribution of water resources cially water. To ensure water security for equitable distribution of water resources the region, understanding localised for different sectors and needs can be even more challenging for the existing water governance structures in the

BUILDINGS IN SWAT.

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Hydro-politics played out as a subset of regional geopolitics often ferments competition among countries which undercuts the prospects of cooperation. In the geopolitical tug of war, it is no denying that countries may be inclined to use water as a geo-strategic weapon. Establishment of effective transboundary water governance structures and constant dialogues to achieve trade-offs between upstream and downstream water uses may preclude such a scenario. It is important for nations to understand that cooperation on water issues leads to a win-win situation. Efforts must be on to promote regional dialogue and multi-stakeholders partnership on water issues for effective water resources management

and conflict mitigation in the region. About two billion people living in the basins of the 10 major rivers, which originate from HKH, benefit directly or indirectly from its resources, espe-

variations will be the key. For example, in the hilly areas of the region, the main source of water is the springs. Thus, in this case, relevant geographical units for effective water resources management will be the springsheds and not the river basins. Augmenting water resources, rejuvenating water bodies and strengthening water governance institutions will be vital for the development of the region, human security and achieving sustainable development goals, especiallv Goal 6.

It is also important to develop institutional capacities at multi-level governance structures for adaptive and effective governance, build cross-scalar interfaces among the various knowledge-based systems and strengthen the resilience of the communities. As the IPCC special report on 'Global Warming of 1.5°C' suggests, there is a strong need to establish synergies between climate change mitigation, adaptation and sustainable develop-

ment goals. (The writer is a freelance commentator)





NOWHERE LEFT TO FAIL

May lacked the courage and vision to articulate compelling answers to the many questions, still less to persuade the public and Parliament to trust her judgment. That profound and protracted failure is in large part the reason why the whole Brexit process has broken down, why British voters will participate in European parliamentary elections on Thursday, and why that poll is certain to administer a brutal verdict on the prime

minister and her party. (The Guardian Editorial)



Paan adds flavour to debate in PM Modi's constituency

PTI VARANASI

On counting day morning, paan shops here were not just selling the 'Banarasi paan', immortalised in the 'Khaike paan Banaraswala' song from Amitabh Bachchan-starrer 'Don'. There was also some lively discussion on the menu.

The paan shops dotting the temple town became hotspots for debate Thursday — not on who will win from this Lok Sabha constituency but on the victory margin of the Varanasi MP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In 2014, Modi defeated Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal by 3.37 lakh votes. He

got 5,16,593 votes, about half of the total cast. The debate was on at the "Baiju Bhaiya Tambul Bhandar" on Sigra road. Manoj Misra predicted a much bigger Modi win. "We expect him to break his own record this time," he said. "The people have this time voted for development. All the caste-related constraints have fallen apart," Misra said.

His confidence probably came from the early counting trends that showed Modi surging ahead of his main opponents, Ajay Rai of the Congress and Shalini Yaday of the Samajwadi Party. More than the 'paan', the tv installed at the

shop appeared to be a bigger draw for some as the trends poured in, predicting a massive NDA victory.

shopkeepers Some appeared to have decided to take the morning off, preferring to watch the counting trends on the tv at their homes. Ranjit Thakur, who has his morning cup of tea at the Baldev tea stall in Mahmoorganj, found the shop shut. "Baldevji is an ardent Modi fan. He has kept his shop closed so that he doesn't not to miss the results, particularly the round-wise trends," Thakur said.

"There was no one in the contest against Modi here. Not

and it seems caste-based politics is coming to an end," he

only in Varanasi, people were said. Prajanath Misra, the disvoting in his name everywhere trict unit president of the Congress, said the counting trends reflected the mood of



the people in Varanasi.

'It also shows the shortcoming in our management. There appears to be lack of coordination between Lucknow and Delhi. We did not get the star campaigners which we had sought," he said. "However, we have kept the

party alive under such strong opposition at every level," he said. On the opposition SP-BSP alliance in the state, the Congress leader claimed the two parties had come together in Uttar Pradesh only to help Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party. He said had the Samajwadi

Party and the Bahujan Śamaj Party been really serious about

Smriti, Pragya win big; 28 sitting

women MPs set to retain seats

the elections, they would have tied up with other opposition parties in the country. Varanasi went to polls in the last phase of the Lok Sabha elections on May 19. The Prime Minister held a mega show of strength, spread over two days here, before filing his nomination on

During his roadshow, thousands thronged the streets of the temple town, chanting, "Modi, Modi' and 'Main Bhi Chowkidar". BJP leaders like Amit Shah, Piyush Goyal, Sushma Swaraj and Yogi Adityanath also campaigned in the Prime Minister's constituency. Opposition parties led by Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Rahul Gandhi, Akhilesh Yadav and Mayawati also held roadshows and rallies in Varanasi.

Ajai Rai, the Congress nominee against Modi, is a fivetime MLA who was once with the BJP. SP-BSP alliance nominee Shalini Yadav is the daughter of former Union minister Shyam Lal Yadav. She contested the mayoral polls in Varanasi in 2017, securing 1.14 lakh votes and finishing second. Briefly, there was a buzz over the possibility of Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi herself taking Modi on in Varanasi. But the Congress decided not to field her.

BJP makes grand debut in Telangana

J DEEPTHI NANDAN REDDY

 $T^{\text{he wait is finally over for}}_{\text{the saffron party in}}$ Telangana. In a historic mandate, four BJP candidates emerged victorious in the Loksabha polls, ensuring a grand debut for the national party in Telangana.

While BJP's former state

chief G Kishan Reddy won in sitting seat Secunderabad, like many expected, what's amazed one and all is the victory of other three candidates. The victory of Dharmapuri Arvind from Nizamabad, Bandi Sanjay from Karimnagar and Soyam Babu Rao from Adilabad amazed people and political analysts alike.

Though BJP has been gaining ground steadily in most parts of India over the past two decades, has not been able to repeat the same in Telangana, in spite of a dedicated cadre and vote bank, due to various reasons. But thanks to Modi wave and TRS party's mistakes, 2019 General Elections gave much needed break for the party in youngest state of India.

Especially Dharmapuri Arvind's victory in Nizamabad, where he trounced sitting MP and Telangana CM KCR's daughter Kalvakuntla Kavitha, sent clear signals to CM KCR that Telangana people are ready to side with BJP and dump ruling TRS, if needed and Telanagana is not the 'jagir' of

against CM KCR's daughter, to highlight the failure of Telangana government in addressing farm distress. Even after results, Nizamabad seat made headlines at national level, as daughter of Telangana CM, who ardently pitched for Federal Front, got defeated by a rookie. Ironically BJP's winning candidate D Arvind's father D Srinivas is officially Rajyasabha MP from TRS, but has been keeping away from

Another notable victory is of Bandi Sanjay in Karimnagar segment, where he trounced KCR's close confidante, sitting MP B Vinod Kumar. Though Karimnagar was considered among the probable seats where BJP might give tough fight, majority of 89508 votes, points towards BJP's future prospects in Telangana.

The trend has been so favourable towards BJP, even in the tribal dominant Adilabad, Soyam Babu Rao won. TRS party's growing familiarity with AIMIM, is said to have backfired in Adilabad constituency, which has a history of communal tension, leading to BJP's victory. Giving ticket to Adivasi leader Soyam Babu Rao who defected to BJP from Congress, also helped saffron party score a stunning victory.

While BJP won four seats in the fiercely fought polls, what's significant is, it fought Nizamabad election made alliance. Fighting elections sights high.

headlines at national level as alone and coming up with 178 farmers filed nominations such an impeccable performance, signals towards a dawn of a new era in Telangana politics, where three party fight

will be witnessed among TRS,

BJP and Congress. 'We have been saying that BJP will emerge as the alternative to ruling TRS after Loksabha polls in Telangana. People saw BJP as better party to fight TRS than Congress. BJP has a good cadre and strong organisational set up. We have been looking for opportunity to make our presence felt in Telanagna politics. This is a monumental opportunity for BJP's growth in Telangana and we will utilise it to make inroads into every village and remotest corner of Telangana," said N Ramchander Rao, senior leader of BJP speaking to The Pioneer after the results.

Though Ramchander Rao, BJP's leader in Legislative Council, lost in Malkajgiri, expressed confidence that this is the new beginning for BJP in not just Telangana but also will pave way for further expansion party in South India.

BJP's debut has been so impressive that it got a vote share of about 20 percent in GE 2019 in Telangana, compared to about 8 percent in 2018 Assembly polls. The massive gain in seat and vote share, has given a new reason and purpose for BJP leaders and cadres across Telangana, to embark on

Amid fear of clashes, Kolkata streets empty out by evening

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Streets in the metropolis emptied by early on Thursday evening amid fear of clashes as election trends poured in with the ruling Trinamool Congress and the surging BJP locked in a neck and neck battle for the 42 Lok Sabha seats in West Bengal.

People reached to the safety of their homes before the formal declaration of results, fearing violent fallout of the poll outcome amid a bitter election battle between the two parties, leaders of which were involved in a no-holds barred attack in a grueling two-month long

PTI ■ NEW DELHI As many as 28 out of 41 sitting women MPs, including Sonia Gandhi, Hema Malini and Kirron Kher, are set to retain their seats in Lok Sabha polls, but the likes of Smriti Irani and Pragya Thakur are likely to steal the show with the extent of their victories over

their more renowned rivals. Among prominent faces who are expected to be re-elected to Lok Sabha are Rae Bareli Congress MP Sonia Gandhi, Sultanpur candidate Maneka Gandhi who is a sitting BJP MP from Pilibhit, Mathura BJP MP Malini, Chandigarh BJP candidate Kher, Kannauj SP MP Dimple Yadav and New Delhi MP Meenakshi Lekhi.

Moon Sen who contested from Asansol, Congress Silchar MP Sushmita Dev, Supaul MP from Congress Ranjeet Ranjan, Bardhaman-Durgapur candidate Mamtaz Sanghamita from TMC, Hoogly MP Ratna De from TMC and Lalganj MP Neelam Sonkar are among those trailing.

Irani emerged as a giant-

killer — this time scripting a historic win by dethroning Rahul Gandhi in the Congress's turf Amethi. home Controversial BJP candidate from Bhopal and terroraccused Thakur is leading against Congress' bigwig Digvijay Singh.

Other prominent names who are set to enter Parliament

are DMK candidate from Thoothukkudi Kanimozhi Karunanidhi and BJP's Rita Bahuguna, who is leading from Uttar Pradesh's Allahabad constituency. Locket Chatterjee, Bengali actress-turned-politician from the Trinamool Congress, is also leading in the Hoogly constituency.

Sixteen women MPs recontesting from their seat and leading are from the BJP, while Sonia Gandhi is the only sitting MP from the Congress who is leading. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday led his Bharatiya Janata Party towards what is certain to be a spectacular victory for a second term in office, as his message of nationalism, security, Hindu pride and a New India was wholeheartedly embraced by voters across large swathes of the country. With the elections establishing 68-year-old Modi as the most popular leader in decades, the partial vote count released by the Election Commission showed that the BJP will surpass its 2014 performance. The Congress had fielded 54 women candidates. It was closely followed by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which had fielded 53 women. Among the other national parties, the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) fielded 24 women candidates, the All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) 23, the CPI(M) 10, the CPI four, while the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) fielded

BJP retained all three seats, two in Jammu division

MOHIT KANDHARI JAMMU

 $R^{\text{iding high on the 'crest' of}}_{\text{Modi wave, Bharatiya}}$ Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday retained all three Lok Sabha seats, two in Jammu division and one in Ladakh while National Conference, led by former Union Minister Dr Farooq Abdullah, staged a comeback by dislodging all three rival PDP candidates in Kashmir valley.

The cold desert region of Ladakh, initially witnessed a close fight between BJP and an independent candidate Saiiad Hussain. In the final tally, BIP's the seat by a margin of over 9000 votes.Namgyal secured 41315 votes while Sajjad Hussain could secure 31552 votes only.

However, the biggest upset in the state was recorded on Anantnag LoK Sabha seat. Here, PDP Chief, Mehbooba Mufti, failed to garner majority votes. Despite running 'vitriolic' campaign against the BJP she finished at number three in the final tally of votes. Mehbooba had never lost any election in her two decade long political career. This is the first election she had contested in the absence of her mentor and PDP patron Mufti Mohd Sayeed.

In Srinagar, 83 year old Dr Farooq Abdullah won Srinagar seat, for the fourth time, by a margin of over 70,000 votes. He defeated PDP's rival candidate Aga Syed Mohsin. Dr Abdullah had secured 106750 votes.

In Jammu region, both the BJP candidates recorded his-



Bharatiya Janata Party workers celebrate the party's victory in Srinagar Thursday

toric victories over their rival candidates. MoS PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh, contesting Udhampur-Doda Lok Sabha seat for the second time, defeated Vikramaditya Singh of the Congress party by a record margin of over 3.48 lakh votes. Dr Karan Singh, father of Vikramaditya Singh and congress stalwart Ghulam Nabi Azad had campaigned in support of the NC-Congress joint candidate.

BJP's Jugal Kishore Sharma, contesting from Jammu-Poonch Lok Sabha seat, bettered his previous record. He defeated Congress candidate Raman Bhalla by a margin of over 2.88 lakh votes. In 2014, he had defeated Congress candidate by a margin of 2.57 lakh

votes. Jugal Kishore secured 839385 votes while his rival garnered 550922 votes.

In Anantnag, National Conference candidate, Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi defeated JKPCC Chief,GA. Mir, his rival candidate of Congress party, by a margin of over 7000 votes. Mehbooba Mufti stood third. She secured 30223 votes (24.6 percent) of the total votes polled.

In Baramulla, former J&K Assembly speaker Mohd Akbar Lone defeated his rival candidate of Peoples Conference, Raja Aijaz Ali by a margin of over 29,000 votes. In all three Lok Sabha seats, BJP candidates could garner less than 20,000 votes collectively. BJP MLC, Mohd Yousaf Sofi secured 9687

votes from Anantnag, Mohd Maqbool War from Baramulla secured 5448 votes while journalist turned BJP leader Sheikh Khalid Jehangir secured 4631 votes from Srinagar Lok Sabha seat. Rebel BJP leader Lal Singh, who had contested from both the Lok Sabha seats in Jammu failed to make significant impact.Singh had floated Dogra Swabhimaan Sangathan party after resigning from the BJP in the aftermath of controversy over Kathua rape and murder case of a minor Gujjar girl.

Lal Singh secured 6848 votes from Jammu-Poonch Lok Sabha seat and 18470 votes from Udhampur-Doda seat. Refugee leader Rajiv Chunni, who claimed support of are to refugees, could only secure said.

1256 votes from Jammu-Poonch Lok Sabha seat.

Meanwhile, reacting to the poll results, National Conference Vice President and former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP Chief Amit Shah for their stellar performance in the polls.Omar tweeted, "So the exit polls were correct. All that's left is to congratulate the BJP & NDA for a stellar performance. Credit where credit is due PM Modi Sahib & Mr Amit Shah put together a winning alliance & a very professional campaign. Bring on the

PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti while conceding defeat also posted a message on her twitter timeline. She wrote, I've been fortunate to get the love & affection of my people. They have every right to express their anger for my failings. Accept their verdict with humility. Congratulations to winning candidates from NC. I'm grateful to my party workers & colleagues. Mehbooba also wrote, "Congratulations to Narendra Modi ji for a historic mandate. Today surely belongs to BJP and it's allies. Time for Congress to get an Amit Shah".

Addressing a press conference in Srinagar, Dr Farooq Abdullah expressed hope that the new government in Delhi will do justice with Jammu and Kashmir.

"We hope the new govern-ment in Delhi will do justice with J-K and engage in dialogue with Pakistan so that we are taken out of this morass," he

Southern comfort INC, ADMK scrapes through bypolls

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The Indian National Congress owes it to Tamil Nadu and Kerala for providing a crucial southern comfort by contributing 26 seats to its total kitty of 53 seats. The Congress which contested the 2019 Lok Sabha election as a constituent of the DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance (SPA) in Tamil Nadu won nine of the ten seats allocated to it. This includes the lone seat from the union territory of Puducherry.

The Congress led-UDF literally swept Kerala as it won the 19 out of the 20 seats from the State leaving the lone seat of Alappuzha to the CPI(M). The Kerala result is a major setback to the CPI(M) as well as the BJP. The Hindutva party had given enough indications that it was all set to open its parliamentary account in Kerala but it turned out to be a misplaced hope. The State of Kerala remains the BJP's Rishyamukh (the mountain mentioned in Ramayana which remained inaccessible to the monkey king Vali) as the entire minority communities maintained their distance from the party.

UDF sweeps Kerala as it won19 out of the 20 seats

The strong anti-incumbency feeling against the ruling AIADMK played spoilsport of the BJP's Tamil Nadu dreams. The BJP should have taken into consideration its experi-

ences when it had forged alliance with the AIADMK in the past (1998 and 2004). What happened this time was the repeat of 2004 when both the parties were obliterated in the hustings.

The Edappady Palaniswamy-led Government has managed to prolong its longevity in office by scraping through the bypolls by winning eight of the 22 seats. Thoigh there is no threat to the AIADMK government in the near future, chances of more MLAs of the party revolting against the leadership cannot be ruled out. Out of the 22 assembly seats which went to the by-poll, the AIADMK had won 21 in the 2016 assembly election. So, the parry has lost 13 seats from its benches.

There was a big anti-BJP feeling in Tamil Nadu which was intensified by the blitzkrieg unleashed by the DMK-led front. The anti-Sterlite agitation, the anti-hydrocarbon extraction campaign and the agitation against the Salem -Chennai Greenfield corridor played a big role in creating a wide rift between the BJP and the people of Tamil Nadu. The state unit of the BJP failed miserably when it came to explain to the people of Tamil Nadu the pro-poor measures being implemented by the Centre

Vasundhara thanks Raj voters, praises BJP leadership

PTI ■ JAIPUR

 $F^{\rm ormer\ Rajasthan\ Chief\ Minister}_{\rm Vasundhara\ Raje\ Thursday\ thanked\ the}$ people of the state who, she said, voted for "farsighted leadership" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The BJP under the leadership of its president Amit Shah and PM Modi has reached new heights. I would like to thank the voters of Rajasthan," she told reporters at state BIP headquarters here. She also thanked BJP's state chief Madan Lal Saini and its workers for the party's performance. As many as 21 out of the 24 BJP candidates are leading by a margin of over one lakh votes, with one having established a lead of more than 4 lakh votes in the trends available so far. The saffron party contested on 24 seats in Rajasthan.

Modi Magic fails in Tamil Nadu as Stalin leads DMK to grand victory

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN CHENNAI

¬amil Nadu remained inacces-**I** sible to the BJP for the second time in succession. In addition to the ignominy of failing to win a single seat from the Dravidian Land, the BJP faces a bleak future in the State. The BJP failed to win at least one seat from Tamil Nadu despite hectic campaigning by PM.

The results of the elections from the State underscore many factors. The ruling AIADMK is yet to get over the demise of party supremo J Jayalalithaa while the combined leadership of Chief Minister Edappady Palaniswamynd his deputy O Panneerselvam has failed to rejuvenate the party. There was no Modi wave in Tamil Nadu. At the same time, the DMK under the leadership of MK Stalin fought valiantly despite many odds and reasserted its supremacy.

The AIADMK which has won 37 of the 39 seats in the 2014 lok Sabha election had to contend with

just one seat in the 2019 election. The party has been weakened because of the internal fighting for the control of the party by the factions led by Panneerselvam and V K Sasikala, and the number of corruption charges against the Palaniswamy-led government. People of Tamil Nadu saw the residences and offices of a minister as well as the chief secretary getting raided by the sleuths of the CBI and the Income Tax Department, hitherto unheard of anywhere in the country.

The party underwent a major split in 2017 as the Mannargudi clan, led by Sasikala and her nephew TTV Dhinakaran was eased out of the AIADMK by the EPS-OPS duo. This antagonised the Thevar community in central Tamil Nadu which had stood with the AIADMK since the party was launched by M G Ramachandran in 1972.

Dhinakaran retaliated by launching the AMMK to teach the 'treacherous' EPS and OPS a lesson. He claimed that he had deployed

many sleeper cells in the AIADMK and would bring down the Palaniswamy-led government at the time of his choice. Tamil Nadu voters were annoyed with the kind of street fighting staged by the AIADMK and the AMMK. They used their rights at the first instance by casting their votes to the DMK, the one and only viable alternative. Though there were parties like the MNM (launched by actor Kamal Haasan) and AMMK in the electoral arena, Tamil Nadu voters preferred the DMK and its allies because the former lacked trust and track record.

BJP's efforts to make its presence felt in the State came a cropper. "There are no leaders in Tamil Nadu BJP capable of winning election. And they do not want the party to emerge as an alternative in the State because of obvious reasons. The rulers in Kamalalayam, the BJP head quarters, are afraid of losing their prominence if the party emerges as a strong force," said a senior State leader.



BJP's candidate for Ahmedabad West seat Kiritsinh Solanki flashes the victory sign after winning in the Lok Sabha elections during a roadshow in Ahmedabad on Thursday

Markets turn negative after touching | Time for transformation, says record highs on BJP show

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¬he benchmark BSE Sensex erased early gains to end 299 points lower on Thursday as investors booked profits after stocks soared to record highs after BJP's strong showing in the Lok Sabha polls. During the day, the Sensex hit the 40,000 mark while the Nifty crossed the 12,000-level for the first time ever. However, the indices succumbed to profit booking towards the fag-end of the session.

The 30-share Sensex tum-

close at 38,811.39. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty settled 80.85 points, or 0.69%, lower at 11,657.05. IndusInd Bank was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rallying 5.23%, followed by Hero MotoCorp, Coal India, Yes Bank, PowerGrid, ICICI Bank, HCL Tech, L&T, Kotak Bank and Bharti Airtel, rising up to 1.56%. On the other hand Vedanta, ITC, Tata Motors, HDFC twins, Bajaj Finance, Sun Pharma, Tata Steel, TCS, ONGC

and Infosys fell up to 5.53%. Riding on a massive Modi parts of India, the BJP was set to return to power on Thursday as the Congress trailed far behind, according to trends released by the Election Commission for all 542 seats that went to polls.

"Markets were initially enthused to see the election results falling in line with the exit polls. However, the run up to the D-day was so sharp that it turned out to be a sell on news phenomenon," said Devang Mehta, head of equity advisory at Centrum Wealth Management.

Participants would now be

keen to know the future course of action for bringing the economy back on track, solution to the liquidity situation, the Union Budget, onset and progress of monsoon in June and most importantly the earnings trajectory, he added.

According to traders, weak cues from other global markets and a depreciating rupee also

weighed on investor sentiment The rupee depreciated 37 paise to 70.04 against the US dollar in afternoon trade. Brent crude, was trading 1.79 per cent lower at USD 69.72 per barrel.

> Vedanta Resources Chairman Anil Agarwal tweeted, "Heartening trends pouring in. Democracy wins. Kudos to the people of India who have voted for development."

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Congratulating Modi, Agarwal further said, "As he takes another step toward next progressive innings, ...his vision will help India take a leap in its journey of growth".

Minister Narendra Modi as trends showed BJP-led NDA

returning to power with a

thumping majority.
Also joining the chorus,

Mahindra Group Chairman

Anand Mahindra underlined

the role played by women and

Increasingly, they will shape

voters,

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India's future".

Expressing similar senti-ments, noted banker Uday Kotak said in a tweet, "Time for transformation of India. Time for deep reform. I dream of us as a global superpower in my lifetime. Heartiest congratulations to @narendramodi, the

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BJP, and the NDA."

Veteran industrialist and Industry leaders Adi Godrej, Godrej Group Chairman Adi Anil Agarwal and Uday Godrej said the new govern-Kotak Thursday said it was ment is expected to take steps to ensure that India's gross time for transformation of domestic product (GDP) India to achieve its ambition to become a global superpower growth improves. under the leadership of Prime He explained that one such

step should be for corporate tax. "Our corporate tax rates are some of the highest in the world, they need to be brought down. The government here, in fact, had promised that corporate tax would be brought down to 25 per cent.

They have done it for smaller companies but they haven't done it for larger companies. I think that is a very important move and there will be many other moves that will help revive growth," he said.

Offering a different perspective to the election narrative, Mahindra tweeted, "As I watch the counting, I get the unmistakeable feeling that a turning point in history is unfolding before my eyes. 2 new power blocs are overthrowing the establishment. Not talking about political parties but Women & Young, new voters. Increasingly, they will shape India's future".

Former Vice Chairman NITI Aayog Arvind Panagariya also said it is time for bold

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the country. "The government should create healthy ecosystem for business and entrepreneurs should take responsibility to create high-productivity

jobs," he tweeted.

India Inc on Modi's 2nd term

Riding on a massive Modi wave sweeping through most parts of India, the BJP and its allies look set to return to power for a second time in succession leading in over 340 seats while the Congress led UPA was way behind with leads in around 90 constituencies in out of the 542 seats that went to polls.

BSE Member Ramesh Damani said he expects more foreign fund inflow into India going ahead as there will be policy continuity and India still has a very large good scale of domestically investible universal companies and the deal flows are more likely to happen

Surendra Hiranandani, Founder and Director at House of Hiranandani, said he believes a stable government at the centre will further boost the growth in the real estate sector.

"We hope that the new government demonstrates concrete action to push investments, increase growth and generate employment," he

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reforms and wholly transform India's rating hinges on policies of new govt: Moody's

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's credit rating will depend on the policies of the new government, Moody's said Thursday and expressed hope that the country would continue with its fiscal consolidation plan.

"Any credit implications of the outcome of India's general election will be determined by the policies adopted by the government in the next few years. These policies are yet to be formulated," Moody's Investors Service VP Sovereign Risk Group William Foster

Moody's expects the broad push towards fiscal consolidation to remain, although with greater policy emphasis on supporting low incomes, Foster

As per the trend, BJP-led NDA will form the government at the Centre for the second successive term with absolute

Morgan Stanley sets Sensex target at 45,000 by June '20

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apital markets are going to Capital Harkets are general take comfort on account of continuity in administration and policies assuming re-election of a majority government, a Morgan Stanley report said while setting the target for BSE Sensex at 45,000 by June

"The election result trends are implying continuity in administration. Assuming reelection of the majority government turns out to be the eventual result, it means the equity markets can predict policy," the report said.

It has set BSE Sensex tar-

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get at 45,000 for June-2020.

The report expects the inflation framework, fiscal consolidation, infrastructure spending, FDI focus and strong external affairs policies to con-

"The new administration may bring some changes such as increasing cash transfers to poor people, more emphasis on portfolio flows, focus on the country's external trade and social/constitutional reforms (like Article 370)," it said.

The market will now shift focus to the growth cycle.

The report expects the RBI to be more accommodative and the economy to come out of its soft patch of the past few months. Earnings could be heading into a new cycle and domestic flows should return with strength, it said.

Some of the key concerns of the investors include fresh wave of bad loans, further slowdown in consumption hurting earnings growth prospects, fiscal slippage, tepid or even negative domestic flows and global headwinds, according to the report.

"We see the RBI policy in early June, ongoing liquidity infusion, verdict on RBI reserves, high frequency growth data, and the Union Budget to redress several of these concerns in the coming weeks, driving share prices higher," it said. It expects RBI to cut rates by 25-50 basis points over the next six months and will continue to infuse liquidity and probably take bank ing sector liquidity to neutral from a deficit.

Over the past 12-months the RBI has injected ₹3.2 trillion through open market operations and about Rs 700 billion through USD swaps.

The non-banking financial sector is likely to experience slower growth as the sector builds liquidity and capital and this will be an opportunity for the large banks.

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BANDHANBNK	611.00	629.95	604.00	620.10	20.55			
INDIGO	1512.00	1557.00	1512.00	1549.90	40.80			
CICIPRULI	352.10	363.00	352.10	356.15	9.15			
HDFCAMC	1714.00	1752.00	1710.05	1743.05	39.45			
BHEL	67.20	70.25	66.00	66.65	1.40			
SBILIFE	665.00	683.90	665.00	673.00	13.35			
HDFCLIFE	405.00	411.75	400.00	405.80	7.70			
ACC	1638.75	1680.20	1621.55	1640.00	25.00			
CONCOR	490.00	500.45	482.75	492.20	7.45			
BAJAJHLDNG	3300.05	3345.95	3300.05	3340.00	50.30			
NMDC	96.50	98.95	94.95	96.00	1.35			
NIACL	163.70	165.70	163.30	164.75	2.15			
BANKBARODA	129.00	144.00	126.55	127.75	1.60			
SIEMENS	1188.00	1223.90	1177.25	1180.10	11.10			
AUROPHARMA	670.00	691.40	656.50	670.50	5.95			
ASHOKLEY	90.00	91.85	88.40	88.60	0.75			
AMBUJACEM	224.35	230.80	221.60	222.00	1.45			
HINDPETRO	293.90	306.00	287.70	290.30	1.55			
PETRONET	238.10	242.90	236.75	238.15	1.15			
DMART	1324.70	1326.00	1299.15	1305.00	5.85			
L&TFH	125.00	128.80	122.55	123.60	0.55			
GICRE	230.90	231.00	220.00	227.35	0.70			
ABB	1490.00	1490.00	1421.00	1460.00	2.85			
DABUR	390.30	393.65	384.30	386.00	0.35			
BOSCHLTD	17100.00	17100.00	16700.00	16807.20				
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CADILAHC	253.00	255.70	248.70	249.95	-0.40			
COLPAL	1154.00	1176.90	1149.30	1149.50	-1.90			
SRTRANSFIN	1083.50	1126.40	1047.05	1062.00	-2.80			
OFSS	3425.00	3429.75	3394.05	3400.00	-15.00			
PGHH		10850.00	10680.00	10700.00	-59.80			
GODREJCP	663.50	678.20	653.15	654.60	-4.10			
MARICO	367.00	369.40	358.55	361.50	-2.35			
HAVELLS	762.55	768.95	738.15	750.00	-5.55			
PEL	2225.00	2280.20	2151.40	2168.00	-16.70			
HINDZINC	254.70	254.70	248.00	248.45	-2.00			
MRF		56098.20	54500.00	54665.40	-458.45			
NHPC	23.05	23.30	22.75	22.75	-0.20			
PIDILITIND	1216.65	1230.00	1195.45	1201.00	-10.60			
LUPIN	763.55	768.00	747.00	748.00	-9.20			
MCDOWELL-N	546.00	551.20	531.20	535.65	-7.15			
BIOCON	525.95	526.00	508.50	511.05	-7.30			

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SUZLON	5.92	5.99	5.15	5.36	HEG	1685.00	1703.50	1612.20
JPASSOCIAT	5.10	5.19	4.77	4.96	IDBI	37.10	38.20	35.95
RCOM	2.14	2.17	2.02	2.07	BHARTIARTL	337.15	349.00	334.35
YESBANK	143.40	150.75	138.75	139.80	DISHTV	30.00	31.60	29.40
LT	1473.30	1560.50	1466.40	1475.70	MANAPPURAM	128.00	132.40	127.20
SBIN	350.00	364.00	339.20	342.30	INDIGO	1516.00	1555.45	1513.95
BANKBARODA	128.95	143.60	126.65	127.50	NTPC	130.50	133.40	129.50
RELIANCE	1370.00	1392.00	1324.45	1335.80	BAJAJFINSV	8299.90	8305.15	7995.80
INDUSINDBK	1550.90	1639.95	1544.65	1596.85	TATACHEM	629.00	631.00	612.15
ICICIBANK	412.20	427.70	407.70	410.60	FSL	51.00	52.05	50.05
ADANIPORTS	401.00	430.00	392.75	407.70	TATAPOWER	65.50	67.45	64.25
SPICEJET	130.90	131.45	128.00	129.10	INTELLECT	231.50	248.50	229.80
INFY*	717.70	717.70	698.40	701.25	ORIENTBANK	98.00	102.20	95.25
ITC	304.90	305.55	287.10	288.50	PERSISTENT*	607.00	610.00	602.05
IBULHSGFIN	810.00	834.30	775.00	783.65	ENGINERSIN	114.50	118.50	113.80
HINDPETRO	295.90	305.80	287.65	289.45	TATAMTRDVR	87.50	87.50	84.00
RELCAPITAL	133.00	139.40	130.60	131.90	DABUR	390.00	393.10	384.20
DHFL	124.00	124.75	114.60	115.75	ADANIGREEN	46.00	47.25	43.20
JETAIRWAYS	160.00	163.90	153.00	155.60	ASIANPAINT	1375.20	1386.90	1359.00
TATAMOTORS	183.75	183.75	173.30	175.00	ICICIPRULI	350.00	362.75	350.00
ADANIPOWER	49.00	50.95	45.70	46.65	MERCK	3961.45	4060.00	3930.00
AXISBANK	789.90	803.70	770.50	777.05	ASHOKA	120.00	126.25	120.00
DLF	178.00	184.70	174.10	180.60	TATAGLOBAL	237.00	237.45	229.00
NCC	118.00	118.00	106.40	108.80	EICHERMOT	21500.00	21625.60	20163.40
HDFCBANK	2410.00	2439.30	2321.70	2334.35	NMDC	95.95	98.95	95.00
KOTAKBANK	1506.00	1555.45	1488.65	1507.80	ABCAPITAL	96.30	98.40	95.45
PNB	87.00	89.80	83.00	83.80	DCBBANK	232.95	234.50	226.90
ZEEL	350.00	364.90	349.00	360.95	KTKBANK	114.85	117.10	109.80
PCJEWELLER	109.50	111.00	102.90	103.70	HCLTECH	1062.00	1072.85	1050.50
RELINFRA	127.00	127.00	112.75	114.35	ACC	1639.75	1680.00	1623.00
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GSFC	99.50	101.90
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MUTHOOTEIN	625.05	642.25

.10	MINDIKEE	905.00	905.00
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.25	HAVELLS	764.90	766.95
.50	MUTHOOTFIN	625.05	642.25
.05	SIEMENS	1177.00	1222.65
.25	STAR	419.90	425.95
.15	JISLJALEQS	52.80	54.80
.00	NAUKRI	1935.00	1935.00
.15	JUBLFOOD	1337.70	1337.70
.55	CANFINHOME	352.50	360.65
.75	LUPIN	756.35	767.55
.00	GRUH	324.10	329.00
.25	JUBILANT	526.75	534.85
.00	SOUTHBANK	14.30	14.50
.65	GNFC	301.80	303.05
.65	PETRONET	239.75	242.85
.00	PHOENIXLTD	630.00	647.10
.75	WOCKPHARMA	396.35	403.35
.15	RAYMOND	804.80	829.30
.60	BATAINDIA	1399.90	1399.90
.75	GMRINFRA	15.95	16.70
.05	GODREJPROP	849.00	860.00
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.40	AMBUJACEM	222.80	230.50
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48.75	WOCKPHARMA	396.35	403.35
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172.60	BATAINDIA	1399.90	1399.90
12.75	GMRINFRA	15.95	16.70
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4673.05	PAGEIND	22900.00	22966.75
320.55	PFC	114.20	117.50
192.35	ALBK	50.00	50.15
563.45	J&KBANK	62.20	63.25
1001.75	KEC	288.80	292.50
613.15	TEJASNET	193.00	198.80
134.50	RAMCOCEM	777.00	819.00
743.00	OIL	182.35	186.90
670.30	HERITGFOOD	460.00	495.00
401.50	BHARATFORG	473.15	477.45
107.80	DIVISLAB	1710.25	1744.00
115.65	INFIBEAM	47.00	47.50
143.95	TORNTPHARM	1579.90	1587.00
586.15	CUMMINSIND	737.00	745.00
184.45	PIDILITIND	1237.70	1237.70
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206.50	212.25	206.50	210.00
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WORLD CONGRATULATES MODI

Imran extends heartfelt wishes

Expresses desire to work with him for peace in South Asia

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday congratulated his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi on his electoral triumph and expressed desire to work with him for peace and prosperity in the region.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday led his Bharatiya Janata Party towards a super-sized victory for a second term in office.

"I congratulate Prime Minister Modi on the electoral victory of BJP and allies. Look forward to working with him for peace, progress and prosperity in South Asia," Khan tweeted in both English and Urdu.

The results of India's general elections are very significant for Pakistan as the formation of the next government in New Delhi will determine the course of Indo-Pakistan

B'desh's Hasina calls Modi to

congratulate him on his victory

Dhaka: Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Thursday

telephoned her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi to congrat-

ulate him on his victory in the general elections during which

the two leaders pledged to raise the India-Bangladesh relation-

ship to unprecedented new heights.

Prime Minister Modi led his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) towards an emphatic victory for a second term in office.

The Bangladesh Prime Minister telephoned Modi to congratulated him on the clear mandate given by the people of India

minutes, Hasina said "this emphatic verdict is a reflection of the

this win and expected to pave ways for the people of the region

Bangladesh relationship to unprecedented new heights. They

recognised the importance of rapidly completing on-going plans

for deepening the partnership in security, trade, transportation,

energy and people-to-people contact," the statement said. PTI

trust and confidence reposed on you by the people of India."

During the telephonic conversation, which lasted over five

She said that the people of South Asia would be happy over

The two leaders pledged to continue to raise the India-

Russia's Putin

congratulates

Moscow: Russian President

congratulated Prime Minister

victory of his Bharativa Janata

and expressed his readiness to

range of bilateral relations

work together to build up the ful

"I am convinced that, as the Prime

Minister of India, you will further

friendship between our peoples

particularly privileged strategic

India," Putin said in a

congratulatory message

partnership between Russia and

The Russian leader expressed his

together to build up the full range

international affairs, the Kremlin

readiness to continue fruitful

personal contacts with Prime

Minister Modi and to work

of bilateral relations and

constructive interaction in

and the all-round development of a

strengthen the centuries-old

Narendra Modi on the convincing

Party in the parliamentary elections

Vladimir Putin on Thursday

Modi on victory

to the NDA Government, an official statement said.

new low after the Pulwama ter-

In April, Khan said he believed there may be a better chance of peace talks with India and settle the Kashmir issue if Modi's party BJP wins the general elections.

Meanwhile, Foreign Office spokesman Mohammad Faisal said that Pakistan was committed to resolve all issues with India through dialogue irrespective of the outcome of the elections.

"Pakistan has consistently maintained that the only way to resolve all outstanding issues, including the Jammu & Kashmir dispute is through implementation of the UNSC resolutions. Dialogue is hence essential. We remain committed to the same, irrespective of whoever forms the new Government in India," Faisal said at his weekly media briefing here.

He was responding to a ties, which were pushed to a question about the outcome of

Indian elections and Pakistan's expectations from the new government in New

> Faisal also said that India should "stop misleading the international community" and accept the ground realities and aspirations of the people of Kashmir.

> Just a day before the announcement of results, Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and his Indian counterpart Sushma Swaraj on Wednesday exchanged pleasantries on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Council of Foreign Ministers' meeting in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan and conveyed to her Pakistan's desire to resolve all issues through dialogue.

Addressing the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers' meeting, Qureshi said that his country has delivered a "message of peace" by opening the

Kartarpur Corridor for Sikh pilgrims from India as he underlined the importance of "conflict resolution" for peace and stability in South Asia.

He also said enduring peace and prosperity in South Asia will remain elusive without good-faith diplomacy and result-oriented dialogue.

Tensions flared up between India and Pakistan after a sui-cide bomber of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Muhammed (JeM) killed 40 CRPF personnel in Kashmir's Pulwama district on February 14. Amid mounting outrage,

the Indian Air Force (IAF) carried out a counter-terror operation, hitting the biggest JeM training camp in Balakot, deep inside Pakistan on February 26. The next day, Pakistan Air Force retaliated and downed a MiG-21 in an aerial combat and captured an IAF pilot, who was handed over

China's Xi Jinping extends 'heartfelt

In a letter delivered by the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi to the Ministry of External Affairs amidst the counting of votes, Xi said: "on the occasion of the National Democratic Alliance wining the 17th Lok Sabha elections of India under your leadership, I would like to extend my

to each other, China and India

Macron extends

wishes to PM

PTI ■ PARIS

countries and emerging economies in the world.

In recent years, China-India relations have shown strong momentum of development under the joint efforts of both sides". Significantly, Xi in his letter to Modi highlighted the "good" coordination and cooperation between the two countries on multi-polarisation, economic globalisation and multilateralism.

China, which is battling a bruising trade war with the US, has emerged as a bitter critic of President Donald Trump's policies putting America first, undermining the process of globalisa-tion which had benefitted the developing countries.

congratulations' to Modi on victory are the two largest developing

Chinese President Xi Jinping Thursday extended his "heartfelt congratulations" to Narendra Modi for winning the general elections, in a rare gesture of greeting a foreign leader well before the official announcement of the results.

heart-felt congratulations.

"As important neighbours

French President | **Abe Shinzo** congratulates **Modi on victory**

PTI ■ TOKYO

French President Emmanuel Macron on Thursday congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his electoral victory and the two leaders to work together towards further strengthening of the bilat-

eral Strategic Partnership. Prime Minister Modi on Thursday led his Bharatiya Janata Party towards a victory for a second term in office.

Macron congratulated Modi over telephone and the two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to work together towards further strengthening of the Strategic Partnership between India and France, an official statement said.

Modi thanked France for her steadfast support to India on critical issues.

Tapanese Prime Minister Abe Shinzo on Thursday congratulated his counterpart Narendra Modi for his resounding electoral victory in the general elecstrengthening the India-Japan special strategic ties.

Prime Minister Modi led his Bharatiya Janata Party towards what is certain to be a resounding victory for a second term in office as it led in 302 seats, according to trends released by the Election Commission for all 542 seats that went to polls.

"Prime Minister of Japan, Abe Shinzo called Prime Minister Narendra Modi and congratulated him for the resounding victory of his party in the 2019 General Elections, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement.

Abu Dhabi Crown Prince congratulates PM Modi on victory

Dubai: Mohammed bin Zayed the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE's Armed Forces, on Thursday congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his election victory, saying he looked forward to working with him to

deepen the strong bilateral ties. Prime Minister Modi on Thursday led his Bharatiya Janata Party towards a supersized victory for a second term

as govt delays Brexit vote who resigned her Cabinet

PTI ■ LONDON

Embattled British Prime Minister Theresa May remained defiant on Thursday even as the government postponed a crucial Parliament vote on her revised Brexit deal faced stiff opposition from within the Conservative Party. A UK government whip Mark Spencer told the House of Commons that he would update MPs on the publica-tion and debate of the Brexit Withdrawal Bill after Parliament returns from

recess in early June.
It was expected that the bill would be tabled on Friday before the Commons breaks up for the brief

"We will update the House on the publication and introduction of the Withdrawal Agreement Bill on our return from the Whitsun recess," said Spencer, who was standing in for Andrea Leadsom – the Leader of the Commons

role on Wednesday evening claiming a lack of trust in May's Brexit strategy.
"We had hoped to hold

Pressure mounts on May

second reading on Friday 7th June. At the moment, we have not secured agreement to this in the usual channels. Of course, we will update the House when we return from recess," Spencer said. Downing Street issued a

statement moments later to stress that the British Prime Minister remains committed to "deliver Brexit". Speaking after Leadsom's departure from Cabinet, May said she was "sorry to lose someone of passion, drive and sin-

Leadsom, in her resignation letter, said May's new Brexit plan had "elements I cannot support, that aren't

Her resignation has further shaken up May's already precarious position, with increasing pressure on her to step down following her pledge of a "new deal" on Parliament elections being

held across the UK on Thursday are seen as a defining moment, when the electorate is expected to use their vote to express their lack of support for the ruling Conservative Party led government's approach to Brexit. People are turning out to vote for 73 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) in an election necessitated because of the UK missing the March 29 Brexit

deadline.
It is widely expected that the ruling Tories and the Opposition Labour Party are set to face a drubbing as the electorate use their votes to express their anger over failed Brexit strategies on both sides. May survived a no-confidence vote of Conservative MPs in December.

Under existing rules, she cannot be challenged again until December this



In this image made available by UK Parliament, Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May speaks during Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons, London, Wednesday. British Prime Minister Theresa May dug in Wednesday against a growing push by both rivals and former allies to remove her from office as her attempts to lead Britain out of the European Union appeared to

'Pak has taken \$6.5-bn loan from China in July-April' **PTI** ■ ISLAMABAD

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m or}$ the first time Pakistan has disclosed that it has taken a total debt of USD 6.5 billion from China in the current financial year, which is equal to 75 per cent of the total foreign loans of USD 8.6 billion the cash-strapped country received during the period. Prime Minister Imran Khan's gov-ernment, under pressure from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) from which Pakistan is seeking a USD 6billion bailout package, has disclosed every type of loans that Islamabad has received from its all-weather ally, the Express Tribune reported.

According to the finance ministry's documents, foreign loan disbursements between July 2018 and April 2019 of the current financial year showed loans for the Karachi Nuclear Power Plants, known as K2 and K3, and China SAFE deposits as part of federal debt obligations. SAFE is an acronym for the State Administration of Foreign Exchange managed by the Chinese central bank.

Pakistan has long been using Chinese money to shore up its official foreign currency reserves but it is for the first time that these deposits with the central bank have been made part of the Ministry of Finance's debt statistics, the report said. In the fresh dis-closure, the Chinese foreign loans from July through April FY19 surged to USD 6.56 billion, according to the finance ministry's documents. These were equal to 75 per cent of the total foreign loans of USD 8.6 billion that Pakistan received during the period, the report said, adding there was over USD 2 billion jump in foreign loan disbursements within a month due to the disclosure of Chinese loans.

"Out of the USD 6.5 billion, China gave USD 2 billion in SAFE deposits and USD 2.53 billion in foreign commercial loans, also for cushioning the declining foreign exchange reserves. "In March, the Chinese government provided the loans through two commercial banks. China Development Bank gave USD 2.24 billion in a short-term loan while Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) disbursed USD 300

Populists are hoping to cause upsets across the EU as the European Parliament elections got under way on Thursday in polls that could challenge the Brussels consensus. Britain and the Netherlands kicked off four days of voting across the continent in a contest in which rising populist forces are hoping to make significant gains,

Polls opened within half an hour of each other in the two countries early Thursday, with the first results not announced until late Sunday once voting in all 28 EU members has been completed. More than 400 million voters across the bloc are eligible to elect 751 MEPs with Britain unexpectedly included. Having voted to leave the EU in a seismic referendum in 2016, Britain was originally meant to depart on March 29

But its MPs have not been able to agree on a divorce deal and Britain now finds itself in the absurd situation of electing lawmakers to an institution it is planning to leave. The Brexit Party, formed only this year by eurosceptic figurehead Nigel Farage, is leading the latest British opinion polls by a solid margin. "We are attempting a peaceful political revolution in

Instagram selfies and controversial comments about women, Baudet, 36, stunned Europe in March when his Forum for Democracy became the biggest party in the Dutch Around the continent,

national leaders are scrambling to mobilise their supporters to resist the populist surge. These are the ninth European parliament elections since they began in 1979 and voter turnout has dropped each time, hitting 43 percent in 2014. European governments fear a good showing for eurosceptics will disrupt Brussels decision-making.

Opinion polls predict a significant advance for nationalist and populist forces opposed to closer EU integration and threatening mainstream reform efforts. Matteo Salvini of Italy's anti-immigrant League and Marine Le Pen of France's far-right National Rally (RN) want their Europe of Nations and Freedom (ENF) group to become the third largest in Brussels.

Le Pen wants to strike a blow to Emmanuel Macron's faltering French presidency by overtaking his centrist, pro-European party Republic on the Move. Polls give the RN party a slight edge. "Everything has changed," she told AFP.

"Before we were on our own on the European scene... we didn't have any allies. But in the space of a few months, a whole range of political forces have risen up in spectacular fashion," she said. Meanwhile in Britain, the rise of Farage is adding to the pressure for Prime Minister Theresa May to announce her resignation in the days to come over her failure to deliver Brexit on time.

NEPAL PM GREETS MODI

US LAWMAKERS

CONGRATULATE

WITH INDIA

MODI, SAY LOOKING

FORWARD TO WORK

Washington: Top American

lawmakers on Thursday con-

gratulated Prime Minister

Narendra Modi on his impres-

sive victory in the general elec-

tions, saying they were looking

with his government to

his BJP towards a huge victo-

ry for a second term in office.

India Caucus, I want to con-

gratulate the Indian people on

today's historic election - the

largest democratic election in

history," Senator Mark Warner,

Co-Chair of the powerful Senate

India Caucus in his congratu-

uing our work with PM Modi's

administration to strengthen

our important alliance with

'I look forward to contin-

latory message to Modi.

India," said Warner.

Prime Minister Modi led

"As co-chair of the Senate

strengthen the Indo-US ties

KATHMANDU (PTI): Nepalese Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli on Thursday congratulated his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi for a "landslide victory" in the general elections and hoped to work closely with him in future. Oli posted a tweet wishing him a successful tenure. "I extend warmest congratulations to Prime Minister @narendramodi ji for landslide election victory in the Lok Sabha Elections 2019. I wish all success ahead. I look forward to working closely with you," he

from the Chinese telecoms

giant after a US ban over secu-

also announced it was tem-

Huawei to check whether US-

made parts were involved, in

order to comply with

Washington's new restrictions.

Israel's Netanyahu congratulates Modi on huge poll victory

PTI ■ JERUSALEM

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday became the first world leader to congratulate his counterpart Narendra Modi for scripting an "impressive victory" in the elections and vowed to strengthen their "great friendship" as well as bilateral ties.

Indian-Americans celebrate win

Washington: Indian-Americans from across the US on Thursday celebrated the electoral victory of Prime Minister Narendra Modi by distributing ladoos and watching election results in movie theatres and restaurants. Election watch parties were held in restaurants and in homes where scores of Indian-Americans, along with their friends and families, gathered late Wednesday night to watch election results live either on Indian new channels or Facebook.

Sikh girl banned from taking kirpan to school

AFP ■ TOKYO Tapan's Panasonic on Thursday said it would stop supplying some components to their children to the school Huawei, joining a growing list over safety concerns, according

of firms distancing themselves rity concerns. Japan's Toshiba porarily halting shipments to Telegraph Wednesday. One parent complained: "I'm sorry but, religion

or not, a child's health and safe-



ty comes first." Another said: "Most girls are not allowed to

In the letter sent to parents Paula Dobbin, the headteacher of the school, explained the kirpan is a "religious ornament" worn by Sikhs. She said: "The item is not sharp, and is often worn in schools by children of the Sikh faith nationwide."

"However, having spoken to the parents of the child concerned, they have agreed that the child will no longer wear this item in school.

school and want to be part of the Redscope family. They are keen their daughter is able to make friends and be part out of our school community," she said. "Concerns about this issue

caused a number of you to delay bringing your children into school. I reassure you there is no reason for you not to bring your children to school," she added.

Lanka Prez

pardons monk

ri Lankan President Maithripala

Sirisena has pardoned a fire-

brand Buddhist monk,

Galagodatte Gnanasara, who is

accused of inciting violence against

minority Muslims and convicted

of contempt of court. President

Sirisena granted pardon to

Gnanasara days after releasing 762

other convicts to mark Vesak, also

"He will be released later today

(Thursday), the President had

signed all the papers," Witharandeniye Nanda, a

Gnanasara peer told reporters.

contempt while the Court of

Appeal convicted him. Gnanasara's

appeal for pardon was later reject-

Gnanasara who headed the ultra Buddhist nationalist Bodu

Bala Sena (BBS) or the Forces of

Buddhist Power was sentenced by

the court for contempt. He was

given a six year jail term over his

disruptive behaviour in court and

intimidating a woman litigant in

2016. In 2013, Gnanasara led an

Buddhist majority country.

ed by the Supreme Court.

The magistrate complained of

known as 'Buddha Jayanti'.

made by parents about the incident are now being probed by the police as potential hate crimes, the report added. An investigation is being carried out. A spokeswoman for the South Yorkshire Police said: "Police are aware that a religious kirpan was brought into the school by a six-year-old

It said that the launch, hav-

the statement said.

capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear war-

meters away, bringing major

Indian cities under its range.

The Pakistan Army said in a

statement that the launch was

aimed at ensuring operational

readiness of the Army Strategic

"Shaheen-II Missile is

Forces Command.

Muslim extremism in the kilometers. Shaheen-II is a highly capable missile which fully meets Pakistan's strategic needs towards maintenance of desired deterrence stability in the region," the Army said.

> ing its impact point in the Arabian Sea, was witnessed by Director General Strategic Plans Division, Commander Army Strategic Forces Command, senior officers from the Army Strategic Forces Command, scientists and engineers of the strategic organisations. Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and Services Chiefs congratulated the scientists and engineers on conduct of successful launch. President Arif Alvi and Prime Minister Imran Khan have also congratulated scientists on their achievement,

anti-Muslim minority stance against what he termed the rising heads upto a range of 1,500

Pak successfully Populists looking to cause upsets as EU test-fires ballistic missile Shaheen-II elections begin Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan Thursday successfully test-fired surface-to-surface ballistic mis-Once best known for naked sile Shaheen-II, capable of hitting targets as far as 1,500 kilo-

threatening closer EU integra-

and therefore not take part in these elections.

this country," he told the party's final rally on Tuesday.

'The establishment: they're not frightened — they're absolutely terrified!" Farage said of his new party's rise. In the Netherlands, flamboyant populist Thierry Baudet, a classics-quoting climate sceptic, is on course to beat Prime Minister Mark Rutte's Liberals.

Panasonic joins Huawei ban London (PTI): A six-year-old Sikh girl has been banned from bringing the kirpan to her primary school in the UK after an outcry from other students' parents who refused to bring

to a media report. The girl brought the kirpan, worn by Sikhs as a mark of their faith, to the Redscope Primary School in Rotherham earlier this month, the reported

wear make-up in school, never mind carry a weapon."

"The family are new to

However some comments

MASTERING THE PERFECT BLEND

BAAR BAAR's amalgamation of north Indian food with a modern twist has some hits as well misses, says Chahak Mittal

he posh lanes of Khan Market are somewhat akin to a food lover's paradise. And it is here that I headed to Baar Baar, a dine-in restaurant, as a writer and food lover could indulge in her love for fusion dishes as the place offers Indian food with a modern twist. And was I in for a surprise and a change of view towards the way an authentic Indian dish could

The ambience, replete with colours like magenta and teal, peppered with brass and wooden decor, sets the tone for experimentation. It makes you reconsider how Indian dishes could be prepared with a new outlook.

The first. I bit into the papadlike sweet potato, yam and banana kadak naan and chaat corn roti, served with sweet corn mousse and tomato sea buckthorn chutney. The taste was such that it would remind one of hummus and pita bread but at the same time, forget it as this has a distinct flavour. The chopped cashews, sprinkled on the top, added flavour to the 'perfectly bland' yet the most tasteful

My confidence about the curations by New York chef Sujan Sarkar went up a notch further with the potato *tikki* which was served next. It was nothing like the ones found at the street side chaat thela (vendor). The crispiest tikki, in the centre was surrounded by battered and deep-fried kale and spinach tempura and had a sweet and sour yoghurt mousse poured over its top. The taste could make one wish that every thela should prepare the tikki that way. But uniqueness was presumably the drill, here. The next ensemble

made it very apparent.

Served with an *ulta tawa* parantha at its bottom, the cylindrical duck seekh kebab was topped with mixed berry chutney and housemade pickles. The kebab didn't have the overtly fectly meaty. A special alert for It reminded me of a crazy ballvegetarians. This one might just sized coconut, brown, hard and

'Opera Salon presents French Rendezvous, where you can pair a cup of aromatic

tea with soft and buttery

freshly baked Almond

croissants, Chicken and

mushroom Vol-au-vent,

Raisin brioche, Roast tomato

basil and goat cheese Tarte,

Croque Monsieur and more.

taxes Date: Till June Time: 8

am to 12 am Venue: M-37, M

Price: (for two) ₹800 plus

block market, GK-2.

more like potato wedges. The dried cheese didn't make too much of an impact. With two disappointments in a row, I looked up to the next dish, which was Malai broccoli and pumpkin, crispy lentil cake and parmesan mousse mixed in

> on the outside, softer inside. Only the colour was dif-

ferent- maroon instead of

Pairing beer with the meal is usually seen as the most viable option, however, one can't help but look at the menu when it has a wide range of cocktails to choose from. I went for Calcutta Cup. The drink was an amalgamation of bourbon and Islay single malt whiskey infused with flavours of mango ginger, honey syrup and citrus. The cocktail, however, made only a little impact to my already impressed tastebuds as I felt the flavours could have been stronger.

As I continued with the food. the baked truffle fries made their topped with cheese fondue and sweetness, which was a tad bit too fried in truffle oil but the idea was much.

The authentic food, the French bistro ambience and the endearing service at PAUL make for a perfect meal, says Shambhavi Suri Cooking in the 21st century is often equated with new methods like molecular gastronomy. However, at PAUL, they believe that there is noth-

ing better than spending time with family and friends over a delicious meal. Located in the busy Ambience Mall, Gurugram, this restaurant will make you fall in love with the French cuisine. "We received a set of rules and guideline from PAUL International for everything. From the décor to the machines, which we are supposed to use and the recipes," say chef Vipin (head pastry chef) and chef Lokesh (executive chef).

Before I talk about the food, I wanted to elaborate on something that the place exuded which made the visit more memorable. Here, they believe that "there is no sincerer love than that of food," and they show it. There is love in the food they bring to the table and it is evident in the way they treat their guests and probably that's the reason why you don't want to leave.

The ambience really seems to take you to one of the cafés along the walkway in France. Sitting inside, you can smell the breads baking, the coffee brewing and the aroma of decadent food. The décor is simple yet elegant and the smell of bakery in the air is comforting.

While I was just about sinking in the experience, the first of the courses was brought to the table. This were the smoked salmon bites, traditionally referred as a tartine in French or simply put, sliced and toasted baguettes, topped with ingredients. This tartine was bite size, toasted baguettes, topped with a refreshing dill sour cream, smoked salmon and sprinkled with with capers and mustard grains. The crunchiness from the fresh baguette added a bite to the dish while the creaminess of the sour cream and silkiness of the salmon, melted in the mouth. The capers and the mustard grains further, enhanced and elevated the bites by adding a little pungency and saltiness. This dish was sophisticated and a perfect appetite builder.

I was still savouring the flavour of the salmon bites when a whiff of onions, freshly baked bread and cheese wafted through the air. The next thing I knew, a French onion soup was placed before me. Campagne bread served as a bowl for the soup, where as soon as the lid was removed, I could smell the caramelised onions and the baked cheese. The soup was essentially, a thick brown broth in which onions were slow cooked. A sip revealed that it contained the richness of onions, cheese and butter. This is what heaven is made of. The onions made the broth sweeter, however, it was balanced with the saltiness that was provided by the cheese and butter. The soup was rich, wholesome and left a heavy coat on the nalate Rest assured the dish is houng

to take you to your happy place. In order to freshen things up, their



It's all about love

signature salad was served. Made up of iceberg lettuce, grilled chicken, finelycut green apple, carrots and topped with walnuts and emmental cheese, this salad burst with goodness. It was sweet, salty, smoky and crunchy. There was nothing to complain about here. Its simplicity marked its perfection.

Making the French experience even better, the croque-monsieur made its way to the table. It is the French version of a ham and cheese sandwich. There was extra cheese with fresh ham, served along-side crispy, golden-brown hash browns. One would realise why it's a French classic as it makes you fall in love

with food, all over again. Next up was a Margherita pizza and Pepperoni pizza. Pizzas at PAUL's are hand-tossed and thin crust. The Margherita one was topped with fresh tomato sauce, mozzarella, parmesan and garnished with basil leaves. As for the Pepperoni pizza, it consisted of tomato sauce topped with pork pepperoni and mozzarella. What was commendable about both the pizzas, was the freshness of ingredients that one could taste. Another thing that made them stand out was the tomato sauce that was not entirely brought down to a liquid consistency. The tomatoes still have a bite will make you ask for more.

The seafood mains were up next.

First, one on the table was the seafood fettucini. The fish and whole prawns were lightly tossed in tomato sauce that gave the dish a vibrant orange colour. Taking a bite, the first flavour that coated the palate was the tanginess of the sauce which gradually made way for thyme and buttery-ness. The seafood adds an earthy and salty flavour to the pasta, balancing out the dish altogether. The second seafood dish was PAUL's signature, the grilled tiger prawns. The slightly charred prawns presented on a bed of nutty romesco sauce (made with sweet red pepper), served with buttered veggies, is bound to sweep you off your feet. A little sweet-heat from the romesco sauce with the tiger prawns, cooked to perfection, sings in harmony on your palate.

Last but definitely not the least of the mains, was the roasted baby chicken. This dish is to die for. Sous-vide chicken, cooked off in the pan, served with some veggies and a salad topped with a pepper jus. The sous-vide cook-ing process helps the chicken retain all its juices while cooking. While cutting the chicken on the plate, I realised that there was crispy skin which crackles as the knife slices through it. Taking a bite, the skin was crunchy while the chicken underneath it was tender and released all its juices as you bite in. The pepper added a layer over the chicken and binds the dish together. To cut through the richness of the dish, the salad on the side helped.

To end the evening on a sweet note, desserts were served — Tiramisu and a Strawberry cheesecake. The tiramisu was as authentic as it could get. However, to take the traditional creation one step further, Kalhua was added to the batter. The flavour of the coffee was stronger and more rustic, pertaining to the premium Lavazza espresso shots used in the making. Tiramisu is definitely a choice for the ones who don't have much of a sweet tooth and love coffee. For the ones who like their desserts sweet, the strawberry cheesecake is your choice. The buttery cracker base topped with vanilla cheesecake and finished with strawberry crush was airy and light. Just the perfect way to end



make you want

to reconsider your food orienta-

the duck *kebabs*, sous chef Hitesh

Lohat was keen on serving the

best under his domain. The beet-

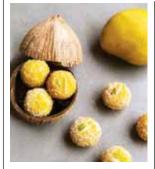
root and peanut chops were

served with garlic, apricot and

While I was still gorging on

-he Marketplace, Kirti Nagar, presents Mexican food festival featuring delicacies like Nachos with trio salsa pineapple, mango and tomato. There is Mushroom olive pate, Corn on the cob, Chicken enchilada sliders, Mexican rice meal bowls and many more. Time: 12 pm to 12 am Price: Starting from ₹649 plus taxes **Date**: Till June

Courtesy: Cornitos.



orge on the sweetness of **U**ripe mangoes through Khoya's mango mithai as it brings the true essence of Indian summer for its patrons with the launch of two new exclusive *mithais* inspired by the Mango season — the Alphonso coconut ladoo and Mango barfi. The mithai could also be gifted in boxes of three, 10, 16 or 36. Venue: The Chanakya, The Oberoi.



appeared and tasted

a salad bowl. A vegetable lover

like me would absolutely drool

even at the very names of its

ingredients, but the dish failed to

Next up was the chicken *malai tikka*, topped with cheese fondue and walnut crumbs.

Ideally, a perfect example of

last dish in line was the yoghurt

apricot kofta served in dum gravy

and with sea buckthorn *papad*-like breads and pickled apple. The

kofta, soft as cotton, could be an

appropriate replacement for

paneer (cottage cheese) or usual

koftas — finally, a perfect fusion.

not uniform. But I was lucky to

get my desserts a bit late as after

all the food that I had, it took

time for me to make some space.

But desserts were worth the wait.

The first one was the Thandai

cassata, served with bits of tutty-

fruity pistachios and black pep-

per meringue. The crispy waffers

on top melted in my mouth like

cream. The cassata had my heart.

Cashew cake, served with milk

ice cream and apricot gel. Even

as the ice cream was a perfect

replacement to the vanilla, the cake could have had balanced its

The second dessert was the

The speed of the service was

As I neared a saturation, the

meet my gastronomic expecta-

tikka, and many more. Time: 12 pm to 11.45 pm **Price:** (for two) ₹1,500 plus taxes **Date:** Till May **Venue:** Farzi Cafe (outlets in Cyber Hub and Connaught Place)

 $N_{\text{green}}^{\text{ueva}}$ presents a lavish spree of crafty cocktails like watermelon, berries and basil. There are tacos like litchi with cucumber and ginger, *Crero*-style pork belly, Quinoa vegetable saltado, Scrambled tofu with truffle and Sea scallops. Time: 11.30 am to 12 am Price: (for two) ₹3,000 plus Date: Till June 30 Venue: Ground floor, Sangam Courtyard, RK Puram.



Inferno presents a gastronomical fare of flavours, offering delicacies like Smoked chole kulche. Assorted dimsum platter, Old Monked mushroom, Bomb pizza, Choco chips Pranked puppy dessert and more. Time: 12 pm to 12 am Price: (meal for two) ₹1,600 plus taxes Date: Till June 15 Venue: Plot 6 and 7, Sector 29 Gurugram.





CORNITOS TEA TIME CRUNCHY

Sliced green olives: 1/4 cup

- Cornitos barbeque flavour Nachos crisps: 1 bag
- Sliced jalapeno peppers: 1/4 cup

WHAT YOU NEED

- Chopped green onion: 1
- Seeded green and red chilli: 1 Diced yellow bell pepper: 1
- Jalapeno cheese dip: 1 jar

METHOD

- Arrange Nachos crisps on a platter.
- Top it with all chopped ingredients.
- Serve it with jalapeno cheese dip.

WHAT YOU NEED

- Almond flour: 3/4 cup
- Flaxseed meal: 7 tbsp
- Fresh broccoli: 4 ounces Mozzarella cheese: 4 ounces
- Large eggs: 2 Baking powder: 2 tbsp
- Salt and pepper to taste
- For the sauce: Mayonnaise: ¼ cup
- Fresh chopped dill: 1/4 cup
- Lemon juice: ½ tbsp

Salt and pepper to taste

- **METHOD** Add broccoli to a food processor and pulse until it breaks down into small pieces and is well-processed.
- Mix together the cheese, almond flour, ¼ cup flaxseed meal and baking powder with

the broccoli. If you want to add any extra seasonings (salt and pepper), do it at this point.

 Add two eggs and mix well until everything is incorporated.

THE CHEESE AND BROCCOLI FRITTERS Roll the batter into balls and then coat with three

- tablespoons flax seed meal. Continue doing this with all the batter and set the balls aside on paper towels.
- Heat your deep fryer to 375 degrees F. Use this deep fat fryer. Once ready, lay broccoli and cheese fritters inside the basket, without overcrowding
- Fry the fritters until they turn golden brown. This will take about three to five minutes. Once done, lay on paper towels to drain excess grease and season to your
- Feel free to make a zesty dill and lemon mayonnaise for a

Courtesy: Chef Kamaljeet at Masala

GRILLED SCALLOPS WITH TOMATO CHUTNEY AND ROASTED PEPPERS

WHAT YOU NEED

Scallops, shelled and roe

- removed: 12 Black peppercorns.
- cracked: 1 tsp
- Fennel seeds: 1/4 tsp • Star anise: 1/4
- Olive oil: 2 tbsp
- Micro cress: 1 handful Olive oil: 1 tbsp
- Nigella seeds: 1/2 tsp
- Canned plum tomatoes, chopped: 200 gm
- Tomato paste: 1 tsp
- Chilli powder: 1/4 tsp
- Caster sugar: 1/2 tsp White wine vinegar: 1
- Green pepper: 1/2
- Red pepper: 1/2
- Yellow pepper: 1/2 • Kasoori methi: 1/4 tsp
- Olive oil: 1/2 tbsp

Salt

METHOD Crust:

• For the tomato *chutney*, heat the olive oil in a pan, then add the nigella seeds and sauté for 20 seconds.

 Add the chopped plum tomatoes, tomato paste, chilli powder, some salt, the sugar and white vinegar. Slow-cook for 15 minutes or until almost dry. Remove from the heat,

check the seasoning and cool.

- For the peppers, roast the skin over an open flame or under a grill until it begins to bubble. Wrap the peppers in cling-film and
- chill immediately. When cold, peel off the skin and scrape off any remaining bits with a knife. Cut the flesh into 5 mm x 5 mm dice. Add crushed Kasoori methi and olive oil
- and set aside. Wash and drain the scallops, then pat dry with kitchen paper. Crush the peppercorns, fennel seeds and star anise in a pestle and mortar, then transfer to
- a bowl, add some salt and ½ tablespoon of olive oil Marinate the scallops in the spiced oil mixture and grill on a hot non-stick pan
- until gently browned on both sides. This should take a minute for each side. To plate, serve three scallops to a portion on top of a droplet of tomato
- chutney. Top with the roasted mixed peppers and a sprinkling of micro cress. Courtesy: Chef Alfred Prasad,

Sumeru Gourmet Range.

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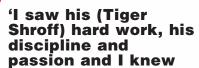
SRK begins shoot for TED Talks 2

Actor **SHAH RUKH KHAN** has started shooting for the second season of TED Talks.

As for the new season of the Star Plus show, Shah Rukh shot its first episode earlier this week.

Some of the names likely to feature in the second season are acid attack survivor Laxmi Agarwal, whose life inspires Deepika Padukone's next Chhapaak, and actress Tanushree Dutta, who opened the floodgates of India's #MeToo movement, said a source.

TED Talks 2 may go on air in the second half of 2019. The Hundred-Foot Journey producer Juliet Blake, head of TV for TED Talks, is in India to curate the themes.



he is going to blow people's minds away. He will always



this super soft corner in my heart. He was my first co-star. Tigy, I feel so happy seeing you fly higher and higher (literally too). And now time for Heropanti 2.' –Kriti Sanon

Actress JACQUELINE FERNANDEZ says she is a sensitive person, and negative comments on social media do affect her.

She said, "We have really supportive, good fans and I love my people on



person saying something negative, and I'll be like, 'Why would you say

The actor said that it does affect her. "I am a sensitive person, so yes it does. And I actually want to get to that point where I'd be like, you know what, 'who are you to say that,' you know? But yes, it does."

'Work culture after **#MeToo changed**'

Actress MICHELLE WILLIAMS has noticed a difference in the workplace culture after the #MeToo movement.

She said, "I feel like the dynamic on sets has changed. They don't hug you anymore. You don't get a morning grope, you get a morning handshake.

"I feel like more space has opened up in the room, in the actual creative process. The space has opened up for me to be able to be

heard," she added. Williams has four career Oscar nominations for her work in Manchester by the Sea, My Week With Marilyn, Blue Valentine and

Brokeback Mountain.



Lauda's accident, something

he barely survived back in 1976,

WHEN NIKI WAS RACING AT HIS PRIME, AT LEAST THREE TO FOUR FORMULA 1 **DRIVERS DIED EVERY YEAR AND** THEY TOOK THAT TO BE A FACT OF LIFE. OF COURSE THE MOVE **TOWARDS SAFETY** HAD BEGUN IN THE 1960s

ultimately claimed him. Its aftera couple of years ago was an abereffects played a role in his death as the flames and even the fire extinguisher fumes seared the inside of his lungs, causing permanent damage. Ironically, it happened despite the fact that the Austrian had led other drivers in protesting the unsafe conditions

ration. When Niki Lauda was racing at his prime, at least three-four Formula 1 drivers died every year and drivers, fan and even administrators took that to be a fact of life. Of course, the move towards safety had begun in the 1960s with drivers like Jackie of the race. Jules Bianchi's death Stewart, but Lauda supercharged

that movement. And while it was finally the dramatic events of the San Marino Grand Prix in 1994 when Ayrton Senna died that finally pushed the safety agenda for race cars and even road cars to the central agenda, the neardeath of Niki Lauda is what really pushed the safety agenda out of the fringes.

Dimple joins Tenet

The actress has been cast in CHRIS NOLAN's next alongside ROBERT PATTINSON and MICHAEL CAINE

Veteran actress Dimple Kapadia has been cast in Christopher Nolan's action epic *Tenet*, which will also feature Robert Pattinson and Michael Caine, and will be shot across seven countries, including

While Dimple, 61, is yet to comment on it, celebrities from Bollywood have cheered her

Actor Anil Kapoor called her casting "phenomenal," while filmmaker Anurag Kashyap tweeted, "So cool... Dimple Kapadia in a Chris Nolan Film. Wow!"

Film producer Guneet Monga sent in congratulations.

Dimple, who made her screen debut with 1973's Bollywood film Bobby, is a National Award winner. She has proved her mettle in Indian cinema with an eclectic mix of parallel and commercial films like Rudaali, Krantiveer, Dil Chahta Hai and Finding Fanny

Mumbai-based talent manager Purvi Lavingia Vats, who was instrumental in getting Ali Fazal a role in Fast and Furious 7, says she pitched Dimple for the role to Nolan's casting team in Los Angeles.

"Dimple is a great and a wonderful person. She is the only Indian actor to be a part of this project as of now. They will be shooting the film in different countries, and India is one of them," Vats said.
"It took me a few months of convincing.

But Dimple was up for it. It is something different for her, and it was an interesting process to make it all a reality," added Vats, who focussed about getting more internationa exposure for Indian talent.

Tenet was so far being described as a "massive, innovative, action blockbuster," but plot

specifics are under wraps.
Pattinson, John David Washington and Lea Seydoux are previously announced cast members. Apart from Dimple, the new joinees in the film, to be distributed by Warner Bros. Pictures in theatres worldwide on July 17, 2020, include Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Kenneth Branagh, Clemence Poesy and Caine.

Pattinson said, "I've been a little wary of doing big films for years and years, but there's just something about Chris Nolan's stuff. He seems like the only director now who can do what is essentially a very personal, independent movie that has huge scale. I read the script and it's unreal."

Nolan's last film was Dunkirk.

Remembering Niki Lauda

The Austrian racer is best known for displaying his doggedness on and off the race track

HE MUSËUM

course of 12 seasons.

"I was under a misapprehension

that my accomplishments were mine

alone. Nothing could be further from

the truth. I have been encouraged,

sustained, inspired and tolerated,

not only by my wife, but by the great-

est group of friends anyone ever had,"

The Big Bang Theory was launched in 2007. The show has

received 52 Emmy Award nomina-

Globe nominations, and the spinoff

about his decision to leave The Big

Bang Theory, saying he could not bring himself to do another season of

featured as the beloved Sheldon

Cooper on the hit comedy series for

12 seasons. Late last year he revealed

he was stepping away from the show.

doing this show that it occurred to me

that I might want to not do another

contract after (season) 12 was up," a

Aries or just because maybe I'm in

touch with myself. Whatever it is,

website quoted Parsons as saying.

Actor Jim Parsons has opened up

The Golden Globe winner has

"It was the first time in my life of

"I don't know if it's because I'm an

prequel Young Sheldon.

the hit show.

The costumes worn by the cast in the popular TV show will be displayed

Also included are Howard's plaid

shirt and red turtleneck, Raj's sweater

vest and jacket, Bernadette's yellow

cardigan and floral dress and Amy's

brown wool sweater and green, knee-

are no current plans for its display.
The series about scientists drew

to a close after 12 seasons, with an

emotional finale that revealed some

big news, tied up loose ends and even

episodes, scientists Sheldon Cooper

Jim Parsons) and his wife Amy

(Mayim Bialik) got the news that they

are receiving the Nobel Prize in

physics for their theory of super

Sweden, Amy encourages little girls

'who dream about science to go for

it." In a cameo appearance, Sarah

Michelle Gellar sits next to Raj

(Kunal Nayyar) in the audience, but

tance speech that, to fans who have

been tuning in since the show's beginning, shows how much the

character has grown out of his ego-

tistical and selfish personality over the

Cooper gives a heartfelt accep-

assures him it's "not a date".

At the Nobel ceremony in

In the first of two back-to-back

However, the museum said there

length skirt.

featured a cele

asymmetry.

ostumes worn by the

seven main cast members

of the 12-season TV show

The Big Bang Theory, which closed in a big

finale, would be donated to a muse-

the costume donation to the

Smithsonian's National Museum of

American History here includes those

worn by characters Sheldon Cooper

(Iim Parsons) Leonard Hofstadter

(Johnny Galecki), Penny (Kaley

Cuoco), Howard Wolowitz (Simon

Helberg), Raj Koothrappali (Kunal

Nayyar), Amy Farrah Fowler (Mayim

Bialik) and Bernadette Rostenkowski-

artefacts in the museum's popular

entertainment collections and help

tell the story of ground-breaking

worn by the seven primary characters

from the series costume designer

Sheldon's iconic "Flash" t-shirt, Leonard's "recycle" t-shirt and hood-

ed cargo jacket, Penny's pink tank top

ustrian Formula 1 racing legend Andreas Niklaus

A Lauda passed away earlier

this week. He was more than a

The donations are full costumes

Among the costume pieces are

The items will join thousands of

Wolowitz (Melissa Rauch).

work in American television.

Mary Quigley.

and Ugg boots.

As per the creator Warner Bros,





once I had that thought, I was like,

the *The Big Bang Theory* orbit as he continues to narrate and executive-

produce its prequel Young Sheldon.

no situation that I was like, 'Well, I've

had enough of that.' No. There was

nothing like that. It was just...when

you know, you know. And you're sus-

ceptible and thrown around by the

ting to a certain age and your life

changes and suddenly you just think

different," Parsons said. He added, "It has been fascinat-

ing to think about who I was 12 years

ago. And sometimes when I have

trouble learning a line or saying a line

of Sheldon's right now, it's hard to

know why specifically. But it's like,

you're not the same person you were.

There is a possibility that this actu-

ally became more difficult for you in

a way. And I don't know what that

lives of four socially awkward friends,

Leonard, Sheldon, Howard and Raj.

Cafe and can be streamed on HOOQ

The show revolved around the

The show is aired in India on Zee

means but it's like you just change."

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Well, that's your answer," he added.

Parsons will, however, remain in

There was no factor; there was



However, more than just being a great driver, Lauda's doggedness came out more dramatically to the rest of the world when he personally went to the crash site of Lauda Air 004 in Thailand.

Niki Lauda came from a wealthy Austrian family and once he retired from the sport finally, he got into his other love, aviation. He began Lauda Air as an airline catering to tourists but it suffered a horrible accident when 196 people died at that aforementioned crash. Lauda himself went to the site in order to give answers to those who died. And like the Boeing 737 MAX today, it emerged that there was a technical fault that caused the crash. It was Lauda's remarkable determination and engineering skill that got Boeing to admit that they made a mistake which caused the thrust reversers to open midflight causing the crash.

Lauda's determination and skills will be missed from the Formula 1 circuit and as the grid collects at the annual signature race in Monaco this year, I hope the race car series sends him off in style to race in the heavens!

MARY RULES

Six-time World Champion Kom defeats Nikhat in 51 kg semis to enter Indian Open summit clash

PTI GUWAHATI

Six-time world champion Mary Kom overcame some stiff resistance to beat promising Nikhat Zareen in a split decision to enter the women's 51kg category final, while the men pugilists dominated the ring by making it an all-Indian Gold-medal clash in seven categories in the India Open here on Thursday.

In the most-anticipated bout of the day, 22-year-old former world junior champion Nikhat of Telangana was at her aggressive best against her 'idol' Mary Kom who was happy to play the waiting game before taking the upper hand in the third round to win 4-1.

The 36-year-old Mary Kom, who was making her competitive debut at home in 51kg, took some blows initially but was quick to make amends as Nikhat was not able to connect her punches as the bout progressed.

Using her vast experience, Mary Kom regained her composure and dealt a few telling blows on the Strandja Memorial Gold winner Nikhat and that seemed to have clinched the issue in favour of the London Olympics Bronze medallist Manipuri in the third round.

Mary Kom will face Vanlal Duati of Mizoram in the Goldmedal bout on Friday.

In the men's section, 17 Indians stormed into the final in 10 weight

categories.

Continuing his dream run, former world youth champion Sachin Siwach registered an upset win over reigning Commonwealth Games champion Gaurav Solanki in a unanimous decision to set up a 51kg gold medal clash against Asian Games Gold medalist Amit

A day after he eliminated World Championship Bronze medalist Rogen Ladon in a well-calculated bout, the 20-year-old from Haryana had his task cut out against his sparring partner but he again emerged victorious.

Panghal, who had clinched a Gold in his new weight category in the Asian Championship, defeated national champion P L Prasad in the second 52kg semifinal. Panghal had won the Asian Games Gold in

Jakarta last year in 49kg.

"Amit has improved a lot of late



Kom tells Nikhat to prove herself in ring

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

A livid Mary Kom on Thursday asked her vanquished opponent Nikhat Zareen to prove herself in the ring instead of making irritating comments.

Mary was reacting to former world junior champion Nikhat's comments in the media that she was excited to take on her 'idol' and she would "put up a strong fight by using her brain" in the India Open 51kg semifinals which the celebrated Manipuri boxer won on Thursday.

"Every bout is a new experience for me. Even I don't know who this girl is. I've been fighting since many years now. I clearly

want to say I don't want all this. It has come out in the newspapers that she's challenging me," Mary Kom said after beating Nikhat to enter the 51kg final.

Mary Kom beat 22-year-old Nikhat 4-1 in a split decision.

"First you prove inside the ring and then speak out (against me). She has won just one medal at the international level and such is her ego and attitude! They feel proud and satisfied. This is a very bad habit," the 36-year-old Mary Kom said.

"How many years I've competed for the country? And how many times I've proved? It's better to say in a mild way. They are so lucky fighting with me. They

will get more experience," the London Olympics Bronze medallist continued.

Mary Kom, however, said Nikhat's comments made her more determined.

"I was so surprised to read her comments in the newspaper. It's so irritating. How can they say all this. Yes, everyone has the right to say and anyone can challenge. But I'm also a human being. It causes a lot of disturbance. Never mind, it made me more determined to

Told that Nikhat considered her as her idol, May Kom said: "Why they challenge me then? Idol means you have to show respect, talk with respect."

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but this is my big chance to show my prowess at a major competition. I hope to give my best and return winner," Siwach, who won a Bronze at the GeeBee Boxing tournament in Finland in March, said.

progressed

Shiva Thapa also remained on course to clinching a Gold at the same venue where he was crowned national champion three years ago as he fended off a strong challenge from his Polish opponent D Krystian Sczepanski to emerge 5-0 winner.

Sczepanski was at his aggressive best and kept hurling punches but Shiva cleverly kept frustrating his opponent by going out of his range. "It made him tired at the end of

"It made him tired at the end of every round. I was playing my style, did not give my 100 per cent. I was just trying to be tactical with him and let his punches go in the air and miss it so that he loses his control and confidence," Shiva said.

He will face Manish Kaushik in the 60kg final on Friday.

There was also a setback in store for India in the men's 75kg category, when Manjeet Panghal twisted his knee in the first round to be knocked out by his Filipino opponent Eumir Felix Delos Santosh.

Santosh will face Ashish Kumar in the final.

in the final.

Former Asian champion
Chatchai Decha Butdee of Thailand
also created an upset in the men's
56kg by ousting former World
Championship Bronze medalist
Gaurav Bidhuri in a unanimous
decision. The Thai will take on
Kavinder Singh Bisht in the final.

The 64kg category will also see a non-Indian in the final with Rohit Tokas taking on Colin Louis Richarno of Mauritius.

FIFA drop plans for 48-team 2022 WC

AFP LAUSANNE

 Γ IFA shelved a proposed expansion of the 2022 World Cup in Qatar to 48 teams, dealing a blow to the world football body's president Gianni Infantino.

The 2022 tournament in the Gulf state will now be played with 32 nations taking part.

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FIFA said it had abandoned the expansion plans "following a thorough and comprehensive consultation process" which led to the conclusion that "under the current circumstances such a proposal could not be made now".

"(The tournament) will therefore remain as originally planned with 32 teams and no proposal will be submitted at the next FIFA Congress on 5 June," FIFA said in a statement.

The expansion was a pet project of Infantino, who pushed the idea despite the likely need for Qatar's neighbours to put aside a two-year blockade and help to host an expanded tournament.

"The involvement of these countries in the organisation of the tournament jointly with Qatar implies the lifting of this blockade, in particular the lifting of restrictions on the movement of people and goods," said a feasibility study submitted to March's FIFA Congress in Miami.

The study also claimed that a Qatar World Cup with 48 teams would generate "between \$300-\$400 million (265-354 million euros) of additional income".

Specifically FIFA was counting on an additional \$120 million in TV rights, \$150 million in marketing rights and \$90 million from ticket sales.

The news comes after Europe's top football clubs said in March they would boycott an expanded 24-team Club World Cup — also backed by Infantino — which is planned to take place in June and July 2021, replacing the Confederations Cup tournament.

An announcement of the final decision had not been expected until next month's FIFA Congress to be held in Paris ahead of the women's World Cup that takes place in France between June 7 and July 7.

WC exile Hales will still cheer on England

AFP ■ LONDON

A lex Hales insists he will still support England at the upcoming World Cup despite his shock exile from international cricket.

The Nottinghamshire batsman was on course to feature for World Cup hosts England until a report in the Guardian newspaper last month revealed he was serving a 21-day ban following a second positive test for recreational drug use.

The England and Wales Cricket

The England and Wales Cricket Board responded to the report by announcing that Hales, a member of the provisional World Cup squad, had been withdrawn from international

Hales, 30, is now turning his attention instead to a stint with the

Barbados Tridents in the seventh season of the Caribbean Premier League.

The hard-hitting batsman, speaking after being selected as the first pick in the draft for the Twenty20 franchise competition staged in London on Wednesday, said he still wanted England to win the World Cup in his absence.

"I'm still a fan and wish all the boys all the best. What we have done over the last few years has been unbelievable," Hales said in an interview broadcast by Sky Sports.

"I will be (keeping an eye on the World Cup). The guys deserve to win it and I'll be sat there watching and cheering."

cheering."

As for his feelings about his World
Cup exile, confirmed when Hales was
left out of England's 15-man tourna-



Favourites tag won't win India or Eng the WC: Shakib

IANS NEW DELHI

Hosts England and Team India have been touted as favourites to go the distance in the 2019 edition of the World Cup. But Bangladesh allrounder Shakib Al Hasan is keen to remind all that cricket is a game that is played on the field and not on paper.

Shakib said that while there is no doubt that Eoin Morgan and Virat Kohli's men are ruling world cricket at the moment in the 50-over format, the favourites tag alone doesn't win any team the coveted title in the 50-over World Cup.

"India and England are

"India and England are obviously favourites, but that doesn't get you the crown. You need to do the hard yards to win a tournament like the World Cup. Australia have been doing well recently and West Indies have peaked at the right time. To be honest, all the teams look like they are ready for a fight. Depends who on that day does well," he pointed.

Personally, Shakib got the perfect boost going into the showpiece event as he overtook Afghanistan star Rashid Khan as the No 1 all-rounder in ODIs. But for the star Bangladesh player, he wants the

trophy that ultimately decides who the boss is.

"This time I think we have a genuine chance of winning the tournament, but keeping the format of the tournament in mind, we must look to play well consistently. If we can do that, we can definitely look at qualifying for the knockouts and take it forward from there. I am confident that we will do well this time.

"Personally, obviously, I

"Personally, obviously I wish that Bangladesh win the trophy this time. But a lot of factors need to click together for that dream to be realised. While I didn't play much in the IPL, I had been working hard on my game and was looking to prepare for the World Cup. Gave it my all in the practice sessions and tried to maximise the output in every training session," he explained.

While Bangladesh have in the last few years made a name for themselves in the big league by putting in far more consistent performances than before, but Shakib is still a bit worried with the team's bowling attack. The all-rounder though feels that the experience in the side will come to the rescue in crunch games.

"I think we have a very

good side, I am a little worried about the bowling, both new ball and the death. But I am very much optimistic that we can go the whole length. We have experience, have guys who have played 3 or 4 World Cups. It is a good thing as we know what we need to do. Need to get the momentum early on. I am confident. Anyone can beat anyone on their day. Consistency is an important factor to go all the way," he revealed.

With the advent of the various T20 leagues, Bangladesh players are now getting an opportunity to rub shoulders with some of the best players in the world. In fact, they also have their own T20 league and Shakib feels this has helped in getting quality players to play for the country as talent can be identified better now thanks to so many plat-

"I feel playing in the T20 leagues around the world has really helped our boys in recent times as you gain in experience. Apart from building your own game, you also get to see other stars closely and try and learn from them as well. It has helped us become more competitive as a unit," he smiled.

Archer is England's 'X factor': Kohli

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Jofra Archer, the England paceman, has come in for high praise from India captain Virat Kohli, who said he would be the "X factor" for England at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019.

Kohli was speaking during the Captain's Day in London, alongside the skippers of the other 10 teams, when it was put to him that Archer, after being confirmed in England's final 15-man squad, had said he was eyeing the Indian captain's wicket. "I'd quite like to get Virat Kohli out because I wasn't able to in the IPL," he told Sky Sports.

Kohli wasn't aware of that, but the Indian captain made it a point to laud the all-rounder, who was fast-tracked into the England squad for the tournament, having not played an ODI prior to the naming of their preliminary squad.

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"Did he say that? I had no idea that's news to me. It's news to Morgs as well," Kohli said with a smile. "We don't really focus on these things. We don't really focus on whether an individual wants to get you out or whether you're spoken of more or things like that.

"Our focus is on contributing to the team. I take a lot of pride in performing for the team, and making impact performances in every game. If Jofra said that, it's a big compliment. Because he himself is a world-class

Kohli went on describe his obser-



vations of Archer during their clashes in the Indian Premier League. "The way he's come about in the IPL the last couple of years I've seen him, there's good reason why he was fast-tracked into playing for England in a tournament like the World Cup," said Kohli

"I think he's probably going to be their X factor, because he holds a skillset that's very different from anyone else. He can generate a lot of pace, which can be intimidating. You don't really expect that because of his runup.

"And the way he's built, he's a great athlete. He's going to be a delight to watch in the World Cup. I personally would be watching his bowling as well - whatever I've seen of him, he's been very, very impressive."

Eoin Morgan, the England captain, who was sat right next to Kohli, concurred and added that it was a huge opportunity for Archer. "Nothing's surprised me about him. He's come in and performed exactly how he has been around the world," said Morgan. "He's impressive in all three parts of a 50-over game, he gives you an option in different areas, and obviously has that extra bit of pace.

"It is a huge opportunity. The guy is very young, very ambitious, very confident, wants to play international cricket for England. That's extremely exciting. He's at the very start of his international career, and it so happens that it's at the start of the World Cup and Ashes year, and he could potentially have lots of time playing. It's extremely exciting.

Cristiano Ronaldo included in Portugal squad

CR7 will lead Euro champions in UEFA Nations Leage semi final against Switzerland

LISBON: Captain Cristiano Ronaldo was included in Porto and the Netherlands

up veterans A Nani and Ricard

Portugal's squad for next month's Nations League semifinal against Switzerland, head coach Fernando Santos announced on Thursday.
Ronaldo, 34, a five-time Ballon d'Or winner missed the

Ballon d'Or winner missed the group stages preferring to try and adapt to life in Juventus since moving from Real the quadrid.

The Euro 2016 champions Santos has chosen not to call

in Porto and the Netherlands
play England in Guimaraes a
day later before a third
place play-off and a final on
June 9.

He lifted the Serie A title

with his Italian club this season but failed to clinch a third straight Champions League after losing to Ajax in the quarter-finals. Head coach Fernando

up veterans Adrien Silva, Nani and Ricardo Quaresma and Sevilla forward Andre Silva misses out with a knee injury.

Highly-tipped Benfica uncapped youngster Joao Felix is also included alongside three other club teammates who won the Portugese league champions this season.

Portugal squad to face Switzerland on June 5 in the Nations League semis. *AFP*

Eng can reach 500 in WC: Kohli

Virat also says World Cup will see run fest but pressure will make even 260-270 hard to chase

ngland could be the first team to score 500 runs in ODIs, India captain Virat Kohli said in jest as captains could not agree on the scoring trends in what is expected to be a high-scoring World Cup.

With 481 for six against Australia last year, England already hold the record of highest ODI total. In their build to the World Cup, they outplayed Pakistan 4-0 in a high-scoring series.

At the captains' media interaction ahead of the mega event, Kohli was asked if the 500-run mark could be breached in this edition.

"I was just going to say it really depends on these guys. They seem to be obsessed with getting to 500 before anyone else," said Kohli while pointing to his English counterpart Eoin Morgan, who sat next to him.

Kohli conceded that the tournament will see a run-fest but pressure of playing in a World Cup will make even 260-270 hard to chase.

"It is going to be a high scoring tournament but back home too I said 260-270 will also will be as tough to get in a World Cup as chasing 370-380. I don't see many high scoring games in the later stages of the tournament, initially some teams might get on a roll but later on you will see 250 defended as well. That is the kind of pressure World Cup brings.'

The Indian captain expects the teams to be more cautious as the tournament progresses.

"Not all the teams are going to be in a great position (in the later half). The ones who have to make sure that they get the result are going to be under pressure to chase even a small total. The fact that you are going to be close to a knock out berth will get you under pressure in the latter stages and all teams recognise that.

"Then you will not see many teams going gung ho from ball one. Generally both teams would like to start in a balanced way and look to capitalise on the moments. So I see pressure being a massive factor in the

The same question was posed to the teams to watch out though he said



was also part of the 2015 World Cup winning squad.

"If you see the last couple of years, trajectory of scores has been going up and up in England. We have been at the receiving end of the highest one. I don't want to put a number one it. Hard to tell (what could be the highest-score in the tournament).

"On small grounds with good pitches, if the top order gets going, the teams are so explosive these days and if they keep going till the end it (the total) could be anything.'

Finch picked India and England as

Australian captain Aaron Finch, who was also part of the 2015 World Cup it would be a highly competitive tournament with all teams playing each other at least once.

Kohli also agreed with Finch that England are going into the World Cup as the "strongest" side. The marquee clash of the mega

event will be on June 16 when India take on arch-rivals Pakistan at Old A question on that mouth-water-

ing contest was always coming and when it came, Kohli and Pakistan skipper Sarfaraz Ahmed were asked how they will approach the high-pressure game. And their reply was a stock

"Look India Pakistan is always a very very anticipated match but we keep saying again and again. If you ask the players it is very different from how the fans look at the game. Yes you feel the anticipation and excitement of the fans when you enter the stadium but as soon as you step on the field,

it is very professional. "For us it is just another game you need to win as a team. Yes it brings pressure because the atmosphere in he stadium is very different and as I said you only experience that till the time you start competing in the game. As soon as you get into it, it is game of cricket for all of us," said the India captain as Sarfaraz nodded in agreement. "My answer is the same. I don't

need to add," said the Pakistan skip-

While many expect a bagful of runs in the World Cup, bowlers are bound to come into play at some point, said New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson.

"We have spoken about the batting but equally important is the bowling. I have no doubt that there will be venues who will be more suited to the bowlers. We will have to find a way to play well in all conditions," said



Spin will decide **Aussies fate: Ponting**

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Former skipper Ricky Ponting believes defending champion Australia's ability to bowl and play spin will define their success in the upcoming World Cup.

"The thing that will define Australia's success in the World Cup is, one, how well they bowl spin and, two, how well they play it," Ponting was quoted as saying by the 'Sydney Morning Herald'

"That's been their Achilles' heel the last 12 or 18 months. With [Adam] Zampa bowling well now, Nathan Lyon's obviously in the squad and Glenn Maxwell's done a good job with the ball whenever he's played."

Ponting said there were concerns about the middleorder's ability to play spin a year ago but the return of David Warner and Steve Smith has strengthened the team.

"And I think some of our middle order are probably slightly better players of spin now than they were 12 or 18 months ago," said the 44-yearold, who won Australia the 1999 World Cup as a player, before guiding the team to successive titles in the next two editions as a captain.

"With Warner there now and Steve Smith coming back on June 1 at Bristol.

in, the middle order looks a lot better against spin bowling than it probably was.

Warner and Smith had served a 12-month ban and returned to competitive cricket at the Indian Premier League with Warner amassing 692 runs in 12 matches and Smith scoring 319 runs in 12 matches and leading Rajasthan Royals to three wins in five matches.

"They're both playing really well. Steve Smith still thinks he's not probably 100 per cent fit just yet — but he's not far away. And Warner's been the dominant batsman in the IPL," Ponting said.

There are concerns that Smith and Warner will be targeted by the crowd during the World Cup with English cricketer Moeen Ali urging the spectators to treat them with

respect.
"Those two coming in, obviously they're class players - they'll have their fair share of issues to deal with from the crowds and stuff when they get over there," he said.

"But they're big boys. They've been there and seen it all before. I'm sure they'll be

Australia will begin their campaign against Afghanistan

Amla hungrier than ever before

PTI DUBAI

Time away from the game has made him "hun-I grier than ever before" says South Africa batsman Hashim Amla, gearing up for his third World

With more than 18,000 international runs under his belt, Amla was once a batting mainstay for Proteas but lost his place in the team due to a dip

He missed the ODI series against Sri Lanka earlier this year, with Aiden Markram taking his place as an opener alongside vice-captain Quinton de Kock in the series.

Amla was also missing in action at the IPL and he says the long break helped him to sharpen his

game.
"Things happen that you don't anticipate and I did not anticipate how things have gone recently. But I am a firm believer that when something happens, there is some good in it. I have had time away and now I am really looking back to wearing the green and gold again," Amla was quoted as saying by the ICC.

am hungrier than ever before, there is no doubt about that. I have been blessed to have this shirt for a while but the time off has made me want to come back stronger.

This is my third (World Cup) so I know what it is all about. I have a strong record in England and I have always enjoyed coming here." The 36-year-old has already featured in two

World Cups for South Africa but New Zealand ended their run in both the editions - quarterfinals in 2011 and semi-finals four years ago. South Africa will open their campaign against

World No 1 England, a side tipped to win the World Cup, and Amla believes the underdog status will suit South Africa. "It is the best first game we could have asked for. We have played England recently and had some

success against them, I have done well against them too," he said. 'This year, you don't see the same big names and that is why the focus is not on us but that has some good in it. There has not been much chat about

us winning in comparison to the past but I don't think that played a part in how we performed. "At the end of the day, we always gave our best and played to win. The fact there has not been a lot of chat at this World Cup means there is less expectation but in the team we think we can do well."



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from Australia, whom they play in an official warm-up match on Saturday, 25 May, and their histo-

Australia have historically raised their game at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, displaying sustained excellence and ruthless professionalism. Those are the very traits that have given them four title wins in the last five editions of the tournament.

"Australia have always had strong squads," Root told Sky Sports. "They've gone into every

World Cup right up there in terms of the rankings and depth England batsman Joe Root said within their squad for a number of those World Cups and they've won pressure moments. So there's plenty to learn from them as a

challenge of taking on a rejuvenated Australian team at the World Cup. Australia have won their last eight ODIs on the trot, and that was even before the returns of Steve Smith and David Warner. With the two now back, it has only further shored up the side's strength and confidence.

'We've got two of the best players [Warner and Smith] back



playing for Australia now. It's bubbling up very nicely to be a very exciting series, and I'm sure that World Cup game won't disappoint either," Root said. "We want to beat Australia's strongest side and those two are definitely in that. It's a very exciting period for us, and we've got such opportunity to do something very special."

Reflecting on England's own transformation into a world-class ODI team, Root put it down to a lot of hard work and hoped they could enjoy the fruits of that labour at the World Cup. Since the 2015 World Cup, England have won 58 out of their 88 matches, making them the winningest team in the interim four-year period.

"I'd like to think that the way that we've improved over this four-year cycle, we are probably ahead of where we thought we would be at this stage," Root said. "We've worked really hard to deserve the tag of the No.1-ranked team going into the tournament; I think we should enjoy that. We should get a lot of confidence from that and really embrace that and enjoy what we've been doing and take it forward into the

"The best thing about it is that we are confident, but we are realistic that nothing is ever given to you in this game, and that you are going to have to continue to work very hard. To win a tournament, you have to be consis-

Bumrah among Lee's



Afridi wants no excuse from 'balanced' Pak

IANS LAHORE

 $B^{\text{owling has always been}}_{\text{Pakistan's strength and the}}$ return of Wahab Riaz and Mohammad Amir has given the unit the much-needed balance feels former Pakistan skipper Shahid Afridi.

"We did quite a few experiments with the side. We rested the seniors in the series against Australia, giving chance to youngsters," Afridi said in a video posted by the Pakistan Cricket Board on its twitter account.

"Our bowling struggled before the World Cup I think because they lacked experience there. Now Wahab Riaz, (legspinner) Shadab Khan and Mohammad Amir are back and it's a well-balanced team. We should not have any excuse

Afridi said that the best part about this Pakistan team was that the batting — which has always been an area of concern - has looked good this time

"I think this team has the right combination. The best thing is (that) batting used to be a constant worry for us but our batsmen are now in good form," he explained.

But Afridi warned that in a tournament like the World Cup, it will be very important to start well and gain momentum early into the event. "It's very important to win the first couple of matches to

build a momentum ... Our youngsters are capable of beating any team in the world. "I see Pakistan as one of the teams in the semi-finals and, God willing, I'm confident they'll play the final too. Pressure is inevitable in international cricket. It tests a player and his mental strength. But World Cup is also a great opportunity

become a hero with the

whole world looking at you."

Marsh happy to be play as floater

NEW DELHI: Australia batsman Shaun Marsh said that he is not worried about his role, or the competition for spots, at the upcoming men's World

Marsh, who scored an unbeaten half-century in Australia's comfortable win over West Indies in an unofficial fixture on Wednesday said that he was happy with the acclimatisation the knock afforded him.

Marsh was one of Australia's biggest positives in their 5-0 defeat against England in June last year. The 35-year-old had scored 288 runs at an average of 57.60, which included two spectacular hundreds.

'It certainly does give you confidence if you've scored runs here in the past," Marsh told reporters. "It was nice to spend some time out in the middle and get my feet moving. I enjoy batting out here. Obviously, it's a different challenge. The wickets are slower [compared] to what they are back home, and it swings around a



Marsh didn't sound worried about making the XI and also brushed aside concerns when asked if he thinks he will be competing with Usman Khawaja for a spot in the team. "I'm not really sure. I'd like to think I'm nice and flexible," he said. "I've batted from one to six throughout my career. I'm just going to try and enjoy the practice games and spend more time out in the middle. And see what happens.'



PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Former Australian pacer Brett Lee has picked India's Jasprit Bumrah as one of his top three fast bowlers for the upcoming World Cup.

"What a wonderful bowler," said Lee of Bumrah, who has taken 85 wickets in 49 ODIs.

"He's got a good record, wonderful yorker, good pace," added the Australian. Besides Bumrah, Lee picked compatriots Mitchell Starc and

Pat Cummings as the other two fast bowlers who will do well at the quadrennial tournament. You'd have to stick with Mitchell Starc," Lee told crick-

et.Com.Au. Starc, a left-armer, had suffered a chest injury last February and is nearing peak 14.29.



wickets at 10 runs apiece. Heaping praise on Cummins, Lee said, "Pat Cummins: pace, accuracy, variations. He can do it all." In six matches this year, Cummins has taken 17 wickets at just

Khawaja survives 'scary' blow

ustralia suffered an injury scare ahead of Australia surfered an injury scare ances. State World Cup after opener Usman Khawaja suffered a nasty blow on the helmet while batting against West Indies in a warmup match. Khawaja was struck by a bouncer from

Andre Russell in the second over while Australia was chasing 230, forcing the opener to retire hurt. He looked in discomfort and walked off the field accompanied by Australian team

doctor Richard Saw, sending a scare through the Australian World Cup camp. However, scans on his jaw later cleared him of any serious injury as Australia



"It was very scary," said Shaun Marsh, who hit an unbeaten half-century in the vic-

"It copped him on the side of the cheekbone ... The main thing is he is OK and can bounce back pretty quickly.

"(Khawaja was) a bit shaken, as you are

when you get hit on the head. But he is a tough cookie, Uzzy, and he'll be ready to go."

Khawaja didn't take part in the match again even as Australia went on to register a seven-wicket victory over West Indies in the

first of their three warm-up games. Khawaja is expected to be available for selection for Australia's next warm-up match against England on Saturday.