



DNA of INDI alliance & Pak seem to be similar: Yogi

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Powerful Iraqi Shi'ite cleric Sadr grids for political comeback

MP: 8 LS constituencies to vote today

Bhopal: Voting will be held today on eight parliamentary seats of Madhya Pradesh under the fourth phase of Lok Sabha elections. Voting will take place from 7 am to 6 pm. All preparations for the same have been completed. A total of 74 candidates are in the fray for these eight seats in the fourth phase.

State Chief Electoral Officer Anupam Rajan gave this information in a discussion with journalists here on Sunday. He said that in the fourth phase, voting will be held for the remaining eight Lok Sabha seats of the state -- Dewas, Ujjain, Mand-saur, Ratlam, Dhar, Indore, Kargone and Khandwa.

Mock poll will be done one and a half hour before voting.



The following constituencies go to the polls on May 13

Constituencies	Name of candidates
Dewas (SC):	Mahendra Singh Solanki (BJP) & Rajendra Malviya (Cong)
Ujjain (ST):	Anil Firozia (BJP) & Mahesh Parmar (Cong)
Mandsaur:	Sudhir Gupta (BJP) & Dilip Singh Gurjar (Cong)
Ratlam (ST)	Anita Chauhan (BJP) & Kantilal Bhuria (Cong)
Dhar (ST):	Savitri Thakur (BJP) & Radheshyam Muwel (Cong)
Indore:	Shankar Lalwani (BJP)
Khargone (ST):	Gajendra Patel (BJP) & Porlal Kharte (Cong)

A total of 18 thousand seven polling stations have been set up for voting, which include 231 assistant polling stations. Rajan said that a total of 74 candidates are in the fray for these eight parlia-

mentary constituencies.

These include eight candidates each in Dewas and Mandsaur, 11 in Khandwa, five in Khargone, 12 in Ratlam, seven in Dhar, 14 in Indore and nine in Ujjain. Earlier, out of the total 29 parliamentary seats of Madhya Pradesh, voting was completed on six seats in the first phase on April 19, six seats in the second phase on April 26 and nine seats in the third phase on May 7.

Now voting will be held for the remaining eight Lok Sabha seats of the state.

A total of 1 crore 63 lakh 70 thousand 654 voters will be able to exercise their franchise in the fourth phase of voting on eight parliamentary seats in the state. These include 82 lakh 48 thousand 091 male voters, 81 lakh 22 thousand 175 female voters and 388 third gender voters. Meanwhile, the polling teams have been sent to the polling stations along with their polling station material, EVMs and VVPATs. At the polling stations, the Commission has provided facilities like ramp arrangement, drinking water, furniture, medical kit, electricity arrangement etc.

4th phase: Voting on 96 seats in 9 states

New Delhi (UNI) The fate of over 1,700 candidates would be sealed as voting takes place on 96 seats spread over nine states and a Union Territory in the fourth phase of Lok Sabha elections today.

As per the Election Commission figures, 1,717 candidates are in the race today, when all 25 constituencies in Andhra Pradesh and 17 seats in Telangana will complete polling in a single phase.

Also going to the hustings are 13 seats in Uttar Pradesh, 11 in Maharashtra, eight seats each in Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal, 5 in Bihar, four seats each in Jharkhand and Odisha, and one seat in the Union Territory of Jammu and

Kashmir.

The star candidates in this phase include Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav from Kannauj in Uttar Pradesh. He is up against the BJP's Subrat Pathak. In Lakhimpur Kheri of the same state, the BJP has fielded the minister of state for home in the Modi government, Ajay Mishra Teni, against SP's Utkarsh Verma.

West Bengal will also see some high-profile battles. Trinamool Congress's (TMC) firebrand leader Mahua Moitra, who was expelled from the lower House of parliament over cash-for-query allegations, will contest against BJP's Amrita Roy from the Krishnagar Lok Sabha constituency. Roy belongs to the royal family of Krishnanagar.

In Baharampur, leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury is crossing swords with Gujarat-born ex-Indian cricketer Yusuf Pathan, who has been fielded by the TMC. The BJP has nominated Nirmal Kumar Saha in what is could turn out to be a gripping triangular contest.

The constituency to watch out for in Bihar is Begusarai, where incumbent BJP heavyweight and Union Minister Giriraj Singh is seeking re-election, pitted against CPI Candidate Awadhesh Kumar Rai.

The single-phase Assembly polls in Andhra Pradesh for 175 seats and the 28 Legislative Assembly seats in Odisha are also going to polls in this phase.

Devote time to vote time!



"56-inch chest hasn't mustered courage to accept invitation to public debate"

New Delhi: Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh took a hit on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday for not accepting the invitation to a public debate requested by two former judges and a senior journalist through a letter sent to both the Prime Minister and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. Taking to his social media handle, Jairam Ramesh posted on X, "Day 1 of Rahul Gandhi's letter accepting an invitation to debate the Prime Minister. The 56-inch chest has not yet mustered the courage to accept the invitation."

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi accepted the invitation to the public debate with Prime Minister Modi on Saturday. Former Judges Madan B Lokur, Ajit P Shah, and senior journalist N Ram wrote a letter inviting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for a public debate on the Lok Sabha Election.

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Three women drown in River Gowthami

Amalapuram: Three women drowned in the Gowthami river while heading to Venkateswara temple in Vadapalli village, Atreya-puram mandal, Konaseema district on Sunday. Police said that the deceased women, Koppireddy Yesamma (60), Karri Sunita (16), and Saluri Satya Ananta Lakshmi (40), belonged to Chilakalapadu village. They were going to the Venkateswara temple located at Vadapalli in Atreya-puram mandal. When they were crossing the Gowthami River to reach the temple, they drowned in the river. The bodies were fished out of the river. One of the deceased, Karri Sunita, passed 10th grade recently and was preparing to join a college.

Tamil Nadu grape farmers in crisis

Chennai: Tamil Nadu is home to two main varieties of grapes: panner thirachai (Muscat Hamburg) and Odaipatti seedless grapes. Grape farmers in the region are dejected as high temperatures in the last few weeks will lead to a huge fall in the yield of grapes. K. Muniyandi, a farmer in Theni who has cultivated panner thirachai on around 10 acres of land, told IANS that due to high temperatures, there would be a drastic fall in the crop's yield. He said: "Generally, we get 10-12 tonnes of grapes from an acre of the farm, but due to temperatures touching more than 39 degrees Celsius, the yield will be less than three tonnes per acre."

Doors of Badrinath

Temple open for devotees amid chants

Chamoli: The Shri Badrinath Dham in Uttarakhand opened its doors for devotees at 6 am on Sunday morning amid chimes of melodious tunes by the Army Band with complete rituals, vedic chants and slogans of 'Badri Vishal Lal Ki Jai'. Shri Badrinath Dham opened its gates for devotees after a break of six months. The shrine of Shri Badrinath Dham is located among the snow-capped mountains of Chamoli district in Uttarakhand state. Thousands of devotees thronged the entry of Badrinath Dham, with the entrance decked up with flowers.

Sensex

BSE..... 72664.47 (260.30)
NSE..... 22054.00 (96.50)

Bullion

Gold..... 72671.00 (MCDX 10g.)
Silver..... 84750.00 (MCDX 1kg.)
USD(\$)/INR(Rs)..... 83.47

Weather

Sunrise | Sunset | Day | Night
5.40 | 6.53 | 40.4 | 28.2

No reservation on basis of religion: PM Modi PoK part of India and will take it back: Amit Shah

Barrackpore (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday reiterated that the NDA would not allow reservation on the basis of religion as the Congress-led INDI Alliance was attempting for the Muslim community.

Addressing a massive rally at the Industrial Barrackpore in North 24 Parganas in favour of BJP's sitting candidate Arjun Singh, Modi ruled out cut on existing reservation for the ST and SC and vouched for the CAA, meant for granting citizenship to those refugees, who arrived after being persecuted on religious ground from other parts of the world.

Modi described the Mamata Banerjee-led TMC government as the worst run regime in the history of independent India for its series of corruptions and torture on the women at Sandeshkhali.

After observing the increasing surge of attendance, especially women, "I can see a much bigger change this time than in 2019," and said he would stand for them as guarantor in the next five years.

While PM travels by expensive planes, people living in penury: Priyanka Gandhi

Rae Bareilly (UP): Congress National General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi on Sunday attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that while he waived off loans of his billionaire friends and traveled by expensive planes, the general public was still living in penury.

While campaigning in favour of his brother and Congress candidate from Rae Bareilly Parliamentary constituency Rahul Gandhi at the Nyaya Sankalp Sabha in Achaleshwar Harchandpur area, Priyanka said while Modi waived off loans worth Rs 16 lakh crores of his billionaire friends and travels by planes the general public is living in poverty. She alleged that Prime Minister Modi has given employment-generating companies to his billionaire friends.

Delhi CM puts forward '10 Kejriwal Guarantees'

Agencies, New Delhi

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday addressed a press conference and elaborated on promises that he termed as 'Kejriwal Guarantees'. The Delhi Chief Minister, ahead of the sixth phase of elections in Delhi on May 25 presented '10 Kejriwal guarantees.'

Addressing the press conference, Kejriwal said, "Today, we are going to announce 10 guarantees of Kejriwal for the Lok Sabha elections. This was delayed due to my arrest but there are still many phases of elections left. I have not discussed it with the rest of the INDIA alliance but this is like a guarantee that no one will have any problems with. I take this guarantee that after the INDIA alliance comes to power, I will make sure that these



He accused the TMC government of treating the Hindus as second class citizens for its vote bank politics on the support of infiltrators.

Among his five guarantees, Modi spelt out that none could dare demolish Ram Mandir in Ayodhya and attack the processions on Ram Navami day in Bengal.

The PM accused the Congress-led INDI Alliance of conspiring in association with the TMC and Left to move against Ram Mandir, to bat for reservation for Muslim community on re-

ligious ground and abrogation of CAA.

"The TMC government doesn't allow people to take Lord Ram's name, and celebrate Ram Navami. Hindus have become second class citizens in Bengal under the TMC rule, and to scare the people it has made bomb making a cottage industry in the state," Modi said and warned that each and every crime would be dealt with sternly in the near future.

He also revealed that there was a bigger scam happening in Bengal.

Pro-Khalistani slogans appear on pillars of Delhi Metro stations, police launch probe

Agencies, New Delhi

Pro-Khalistani slogans were found written on pillars of Delhi Metro stations on Sunday, prompting police to launch an investigation. The slogans were seen at Karol Bagh and Jhandewalan Metro Stations.

Reportedly, the slogans were written by supporters of Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), a banned Sikh separatist group based in the United States.

An FIR has been filed by the Delhi police, and CCTV footage of the two metro stations has been obtained from the Delhi Metro authorities.

A security guard at a building close to the Karol Bagh Metro station said that he noticed the writing in black paint on the pillars of the metro station when he came for duty on Sunday morning.



"I came to duty at 8 am and saw that something was written in black colour on the pillars of the metro station. A huge crowd had gathered there and was reading the slogans," Bajrangji, the security guard said reporters.

"These slogans may have been written at night because no one was there at that time and no one saw who wrote these slogans," he added.

Promises of free education, better healthcare



guarantees are implemented. Kejriwal's guarantee is a brand".

He added further, "These 10 guarantees are like the vision of India. Some things should have been completed in the last 75 years... These things are like laying the foundation stone of any nation. Without them, the nation cannot move ahead. Those works will be completed in the next five years."

Elaborating on the guarantees, the Delhi CM announced to provide up to 200 units of free electricity to all the poor in the country if voted to power. He said, out of the 10 guarantees, the first guarantee is that we will provide 24-hour electricity in the country.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday lashed out at Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar and NC Chief Farooq Abdullah for their remarks over Pakistan and said that Pak-occupied Kashmir (PoK) is part of India and it will be taken back.

While addressing an election rally in support of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate Vinod Sonkar, the Home Minister said, "Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar and INDI alliance leader Farooq Abdullah are asking to respect Pakistan as it has an atom bomb. Why should we respect Pakistan?"

He said, "Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is saying don't demand PoK. Rahul Baba, if you want to be scared of atom bombs, then remain scared. We are not scared. PoK is a part of India, and we will take it back."

Shah said that Kashmir is part of India. "Congress president Kharge says what people from Rajasthan



and Uttar Pradesh have to do with Kashmir. Probably he doesn't know that every child of Kaushambi is ready to sacrifice his life for Kashmir," he said.

He said that for 70 years, Congress, Samajwadi Party (SP), and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) kept Article 370 in Kashmir like their children. "You made Modi ji PM for the second term. Article 370 was abrogated on August 5, 2019, terrorism was eradicated, and Modi ji made Kashmir an integral part of India," he said.

SM Krishna under ICU care at Manipal Hospital, condition stable

Bengaluru: Former Karnataka Chief Minister SM Krishna, who was admitted to Manipal Hospital on April 30 for a minor ailment, remains under intensive care, attended by a critical care team.

Krishna, 91, is currently receiving treatment under the supervision of a team of doctors led by Dr. Satyanarayana and Dr. Sunil Karanth. While still in the ICU, his condition is reported to be stable and showing signs of improvement.

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, after visiting the veteran politician at the Bengaluru Hospital, conveyed his optimism regarding Krishna's recovery.

"I visited him. He is showing improvement, and I extend my best wishes for his speedy recovery," he remarked following the visit.

Two hospitals receive bomb threat in Delhi, bomb disposal team at spot

Agencies, New Delhi

Just days after several schools in the national capital received bomb threats, two hospitals in Delhi reportedly received bomb threats through email on Sunday. The two hospitals that have received the bomb threats are Burari Government Hospital and Sanjay Gandhi Hospital in Mangolpuri, reports said.

As per reports, the first call was received by fire officials at 3.15 pm from Burari Hospital and the second call from Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital around 4.26 pm. After the threats were received, a search operation is underway in both hospitals by the Delhi Fire Services officials.



Reportedly, the local police and Bomb Disposal Teams (BDT) are also at the spot and are currently searching the premises. The Delhi Police in a statement said, "An email was received at Burari Hospital regarding a bomb threat. Local police, Bomb Disposal Teams (BDT) are at the hospital. Nothing suspicious has been found yet."