

# SP dares BJP to hold UP assembly and LS polls together in 2019

**LUCKNOW, JUNE 6 /-/-** Buoyed by opposition victory in key Lok Sabha bypolls in Uttar Pradesh, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav yesterday dared the BJP government at the Centre to hold simultaneous Lok Sabha and assembly polls in the state in 2019. "We have no problem if the voters' list is linked with Aadhar number. We have no problems with one nation one election. I ask them (BJP) to implement one nation one election till 2019 itself and hold UP Assembly polls with the 2019 Lok Sabha elections," he told a press conference at the SP

headquarters here. The 44-year-old SP chief virtually threw down the gauntlet at the BJP after the saffron party's defeat in the prestigious Lok Sabha bypolls in Gorakhpur and Phulpur and its recent drubbing in Kairana and Phoolpur Assembly bypoll.

While Gorakhpur is the home turf of chief minister Yogi Adityanath, Phulpur was held by his deputy Keshav Prasad Maurya. Even Kairana was held by a BJP MP whose death necessitated the bypoll in which his daughter lost to the RLD, whose candidate was supported by all opposition par-

ties. An Uttar Pradesh panel has examined it and it is possible, Singh had said after handing over the report titled, "One nation, one election & common electoral rolls".

Adityanath had later said, "We are forwarding the report to the Centre, and it will be good in the larger public interest. To keep the electoral rolls clean, Aadhaar numbers should be linked with names of voters to eliminate chances of duplication, as suggested by the committee." Akhilesh earlier welcomed the newly elected Kairana MP Tabassum Hasan (RLD) and

SP MLA from Noorpur Maimul Hasan in the party headquarters. He thanked the people for ensuring their victory in the crucial bypolls. "Their victory is a strong message against the BJP, which is doing nothing for the welfare of the people," he said. Replying to a question related to the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Akhilesh said it will be fought on the basis of issues.

Asked about alliance, he said, "If they (BJP) have a formula for winning elections, we too have a formula to checkmate them." He, however, did not elaborate. Akhilesh had yesterday

said there was no decision on seat sharing between his party and the BSP for the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and that it would be discussed at an "appropriate time". His remark came amid media reports that Mayawati's Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) is demanding 40 out of the total 80 seats in the state for the next year general elections. "It's not a question as to who is contesting against whom and how many parties are together. The matter pertains to the entire country and how to take it forward," he said today, parrying a direct reply. (PTI)



Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Prakash Javadekar (M) at the 10th foundation day of the Foundation for Restoration of National Values (FRNV), in New Delhi

## Shah meets Madhuri, highlights BJP government's achievements

**MUMBAI, JUNE 6 /-/-** BJP president Amit Shah today called on actress Madhuri Dixit here as part of his party's "Contact for Support" campaign and briefed her on the achievements of the Narendra Modi government. Shah, along with Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and other BJP leaders, called on Dixit at her residence in suburban Mumbai as part of the saffron party's "Sampark Samarthan" (Contact for Support) campaign. During the meeting that lasted for around 40 minutes, Shah presented a booklet containing the achievements of the BJP-led central government in the last four years to the Bollywood icon. Dixit's husband Sriman Nene, a surgeon, was also present during the meeting. "It was pleasant meeting the noted Bollywood actress @MadhuriDixit and Dr. Shirish Nene as a part of 'Sampark For Samarthan' initiative at their home in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Have discussed the achievements and path breaking initiatives of PM @narendramodi govt in last 4 years (sic)," Shah tweeted. He did not speak to the reporters who had assembled outside Dixit's residence in Juhu. Earlier, upon his arrival in the city, Shah had a brief meeting with Fadnis, Maharashtra BJP President Ramesh Dave, Education Minister Vinod Tawde and BJP general secretary (organisation) Vijay Parulkar at Rangsharda auditorium in suburban Bandra. The BJP president is scheduled to meet legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar and industrialist Ratan Tata at their respective residences later in the day as part of the campaign that has been launched by the saffron party in the run-up to the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. As part of the mega public drive, 4,000 BJP functionaries will contact one lakh people, who are well known in their respective fields, to spread the word about the NDA government's programmes and policies launched since 2014. Shah will himself meet 50 people as part of the campaign, the party had said earlier. The BJP chief is also scheduled to meet Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray in the evening.

Meanwhile, today's editorial in a Sun mouthpiece "Saamana" has made a scathing attack on the BJP's "Contact for Support" drive. Launching the campaign, Shah had met former Army chief Dalbir Singh Suhag and former Lok Sabha secretary general Subhash Kashyap on May 29. He has also met cricket legend Kapil Dev, former chief justice of India R C Lahoti and yoga guru Ramdev, who is associated with the Patanjali group of companies, as part of the campaign. Shah had earlier said the campaign was aimed at informing the people about various initiatives of the government, which have resulted in raising their living standards. (PTI)



Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, flanked by members of the Indian Army, during an expedition to Mount Everest, in New Delhi.

## Kamal Hassan defends meet with Karnataka CM over Cauvery

**CHENNAI, JUNE 6 /-/-** Facing flak from some farmers' leaders for meeting Karnataka chief minister H D Kumaraswamy over the Cauvery issue, actor-turned politician Kamal Hassan today defended his initiative saying there was no restriction to work for a noble cause. Speaking to reporters after meeting leaders of some farmers' associations here, the founder of Makkal Needhi Mission (MNM) urged farmers of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to talk it out to keep "other politicians" at bay. "People are raising questions on my importance. I would say there is no restriction to work for a noble cause. To which political outfit did freedom fighter Mahatma Gandhi belong? He used to be at the forefront to fight any issue," Hassan said. On Monday, Hassan had met Kumaraswamy in Bengaluru and discussed the Cauvery issue and pitched for talks to resolve the issue, saying courts were never a solution to the problem of sharing of the inter-state river.

Some farmers' leaders yesterday criticised Hassan for advocating talks, saying why he should now pitch for dialogue with Karnataka when the Cauvery Management Authority has been set up after decades-long legal battle. However, a group of representatives of some farmers organisations which met Hassan today welcomed his initiative. They presented him a sword and a pickaxe as a token of appreciation of his efforts on the issue, they said. "We are open to anyone who come to the rescue of farmers. The meeting with the (Karnataka) Chief Minister should not be politicised," president of National South Indian Rivers Linking Farmers Association P Ayyakkannu said.

President of Federation of Farmers' Association PK Deivissigamani and representatives of some other farmers' bodies were present during the meeting with Hassan. On the opposition to Rajinikanth-starrer 'Kaala' in Karnataka, Hassan said there were many people in the neighbouring state waiting for the release of the movie, which is set to hit screens tomorrow worldwide. The MNM leader had on Monday said the film row did not figure during his talks with Kumaraswamy. (PTI)

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## Speaker likely to accept resignations of YSR Cong MPs from House

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 6 /-/-** The Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan is likely to accept the resignations of five YSR Congress MPs from the House after they met her today and ruled out any re-think of their decision, official sources said. A notification to this effect is likely to be issued soon, the sources said. Mahajan asked them to give

it in writing that they are sticking to their stand of resigning from the Lok Sabha, they said. The five Lok Sabha MPs from Andhra Pradesh's main opposition party had resigned to protest the Centre's decision to not grant special category status to the state. The speaker had met them earlier as well, asking them to reconsider their decision. The Telugu Desam Party, which is in power in the state, had broken ties with the BJP over the special category issue. The state is scheduled to go to the assembly polls along with the Lok Sabha elections next year. Both parties are seen to be taking positions on the issue they believe have an emotional connect with the masses in the state. (PTI)

## WCD to give specially-designed rape investigation kits to police, hospitals

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 6 /-/-** The Ministry of Women and Children Development (WCD) will be distributing specially-designed kits to all police stations and hospitals to carry out immediate medical investigation into sexual assault cases, Union Minister Maneka Gandhi said today. The rape investigation kits are being procured by the state government with financial support under the Nirbhaya Fund, she said. The fund, named after a Delhi rape victim, aims to support initiatives by the government and NGOs working towards ensuring safety of women in India. For swift investigation in rape cases, the ministry is ensuring that police stations and hospitals across the country are equipped with the specially-designed rape evidence kits, Gandhi said. She said the kit comprises essential items which will aid in furnishing evidence such as blood and se-

men samples in sexual assault and rape cases. These kits will also contain instructions on the evidence that needs to be collected from the crime scene, the minister said. The kit would be sent to the closest lab and within two months one would have the results, Gandhi said. The minister, while listing the achievements of her government in the last four years, said the Sakshi Suraksha Advanced DNA Laboratory has been started in Chandigarh for forensic analysis of samples collected from rape victims. Gandhi said forensic labs would come up in Mumbai, Chennai, Pune, Bhopal and Guwahati. "Once a proper identification of sexual crime has been made and all the evidence has been gathered, the time-line for rape leading to conviction could be cut by years," she said. (PTI)

# Stagnation in civil services? Cadre review cases pending for over 40 years, says govt

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 6 /-/-** The cases of cadre review of some civil services have been pending for over 40 years, the government has said. Irked over the delay in finalising the cadre review proposals, the Personnel Ministry has now formulated a model calendar for reviewing the civil services. As per norms, there has to be a review of all central services like the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Revenue Service (IRS) ideally once in every five

years. Despite the said instructions and repeated reminders, it has been observed that the said periodicity is not followed. The cadre review in some cases is pending for even more than 40 years, the ministry said in a recent order. All cadre controlling authorities like the External Affairs Ministry for the IFS and so on, have been asked to follow the new model calendar formulated by the Personnel Ministry strictly. They have been re-

quested to submit cadre review proposals in accordance with the calendar without any exemption. "For other services, which has not been mentioned in the calendar and the cadre review not done, the cadre controlling authority concerned may submit their proposal in accordance with the cadre review guidelines, as and when they feel that the cadre review is required, it said.

The proposals of 14 Group A

services like the Indian Railway Personnel Service, Indian Railway Traffic Service, Railway Protection Force and Indian Economic Service are under consideration of the government. A cadre review is required to keep the personnel policies relevant to current and future needs and to check stagnation and ensure career progression of officers, a senior Personnel Ministry official explained. (PTI)

## Resolve differences, prepare for 2019 war: Badal to NDA allies

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 6 /-/-** Pitching for strengthening the NDA in a "war-like situation", Shriromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Badal says all alliance partners must settle their differences to ensure victory in the general elections next year. Badal's comments, a day before BJP president Amit Shah is scheduled to meet him and SAD patriarch Parkash Singh Badal in Chandigarh, come in the wake of NDA ally Shiv Sena threatening to go it alone in 2019 and the TDP quitting the ruling coalition over statehood for Andhra Pradesh. "It is a war-like situation. In the general election next year and we need to strengthen the NDA and also resolve our differences to emerge victorious in the next general elections," Badal told PTI. Shah, who is in Mumbai today to meet Shiv Sena supreme leader Uddhav Thackeray has embarked on an outreach exercise to win over allies, particularly those who have been criticising or expressing their dissent with the party, in a bid to strengthen the National Democratic Alliance. According to Badal, the BJP and the SAD are "natural allies". "It is not a relation of give and take," he said. Asked about the BJP leaving the NDA and the Shiv Sena announcing that it will contest the 2019 polls on its own, Badal in a limited response underlined that the Congress is the principal opposition party of all NDA allies in their respective states. "I cannot comment on the relation between BJP and other allies, but one thing is clear. It is the Congress which is the principal opposition party for most of the NDA allies in their respective states and not BJP," the former deputy chief minister of Punjab said. Endorsing Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the leader of the alliance, he said, "The momentum is with Modi and he has performed as prime minister. (PTI)

## Haj pilgrims are not consumers, can't claim refund, says apex consumer court

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 6 /-/-** Haj pilgrims are not consumers, the apex consumer commission has observed while denying relief to a man and his son who claimed refund for being in a lower category service by the Haj Committee of India in 2008 despite paying for a higher category. The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) said that the Haj Committee renders services without any profit motive. "It would thus be seen that the Haj Committee is rendering services without any profit motive and is collecting only the actual expenses incurred by it on making arrangements for the Haj pilgrimage," the commission said. "No fee or service charges are being collected by Haj Committee of India from the pilgrims, for rendering its services to them. Therefore, the complainants cannot be said to be the consumer of the Haj Committee of India within the meaning of Section 2(1)(d) of the Consumer Protection Act," the NCDRC said.

The apex consumer commission was hearing an appeal filed by the Haj Committee of India against the Rajasthan state commission order asking it to compensate Abbas Ali and his son Fayaz Hussain, who had applied for the pilgrimage in 2008 and chose Green Category which was a higher bracket for pilgrims. They claimed that they had deposited Rs 96,940 each for the pilgrimage but when they reached Saudi Arabia, they were not accommodated in the Green category and were kept in lower category - 'Azizia'. They approached the district forum seeking refund of Rs 22,362, the excess amount allegedly charged from them for green category but their plea was dismissed. The complainant then moved the state commission which allowed their appeal and directed refund along with compensation of Rs 10,000 and Rs 5,000 as cost of litigation.

The Haj committee challenged this order in NCDRC. The committee claimed that the complainants had made reservations under the additional quota, and at the time of pilgrimage, the currency exchange rate of Rupee had gone high and it was not possible for the committee to accommodate them in a higher category for which less money was paid. The apex consumer panel, while allowing the committee's appeal, noted that the guidelines given under the Haj Committee Act in 2002 say that the services of the Haj Committee of India are free of charge and do not come within the purview of Consumer Protection Act of 1986. "Since the aforesaid guidelines are required to be signed by every applicant, the complainants themselves had agreed to the above referred position and accepted that they would not claim any compensation from Haj Committee under the Consumer Protection Act," the NCDRC said. It, however, made it clear that the dismissal of the complaint by the consumer panel will not come in the way of the pilgrims to avail any other remedy as per law, including approaching a civil court, for redressal of their grievances. (PTI)

## Situation improving in Shillong, governor appeals for peace

**SHILLONG, JUNE 6 /-/-** The situation in restive Shillong showed signs of improvement for the second day today even as Meghalaya Governor Ganga Prasad asked the people to help maintain peace and not dent the image of the state. "No onward incident was reported since yesterday from violence affected areas of the state capital. East Khasi Hills district Deputy Commissioner P S Dkhar told PTI.

In a statement, the governor said incidents of the past one week have caused a lot of concern to peace-loving citizens of the state and appealed to them to support the government in its effort to maintain peace. "Disruption of normal life due to violence dents the image of a peaceful state like ours and will have a negative impact on the state's economy, especially during the peak tourist season," he said.

Prasad also urged the people to be wary of rumours as fake news could be deliberately circulated by unscrupulous people. Dkhar said most shops are open in the two markets, Police Bazaar and Jew Dub (Bara Bazaar).

The curfew in the affected areas has been relaxed from 7 pm to 10 pm today, he said. The timing of the night curfew in the entire state capital has also been changed. Now it is from 6 pm to 5 am in place of 4 pm to 5 am, the deputy commissioner said. The Army last night conducted another round of flag march in the affected areas and two contingents are on standby, defence spokesperson Ratnakar Singh said.

Meanwhile, Minority Commission member Manoj Manjhi met senior police and civil officials where he was briefed on the situation today. Rai said the report will be tabulated and the Commission tomorrow. The Commission member also paid a visit to a gurudwara in the Punjabi Lane and is likely to meet Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma later.

The hill town has been in the grip of violence since May 29 following a fight between Sikh residents in Shillong's Punjabi Lane area, and Khasi drivers of state-run buses. Over 10 people, including policemen and CRPF personnel, were injured in the clashes.

The BJP-backed Meghalaya Democratic Alliance government here has formed a committee, headed by Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tysong, to find a permanent solution to the issue of relocation of the sweeper colony, inhabited by Punjabis, where an incident of assault, fanned by fake news on social media, sparked clashes last week. (PTI)

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